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NINTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12, 1844.

This evening, the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Montreal Temperance Society was held in the American Presbyterian Church. The chair was taken by the President at the appointed hour. The business was opened with singing by the Choir; after which, the Rev. Mr. MILES implored the Divine blessing and presence.

The President gave a short introductory address, and concluded by calling upon the Recording Secretary to read the Report.

The following resolutions were offered and carried with spirit—the last one with acclamation:—

Moved by Mr. R. D. WADSWORTH, Seconded by J. R. ORR, Esq.,

1.—*Resolved*, That the report now read be adopted and printed, under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by Rev. J. BRENNAN, Seconded by Rev. H. WILKES,

2.—*Resolved*, That the whole system of intemperance, including the traffic by which it is sustained, and the customs by which it is perpetuated is a master-piece of Satanic ingenuity, from which nothing less than the Omnipotent arm of God can work out the deliverance of the human race.

Moved by Rev. H. O. CROFTS, Seconded by Mr. D. P. JANES, Supported by M. CAMERON, Esq., M. P. P.

3.—*Resolved*, That every succeeding year strengthens the conviction that the temperance reformation is the means employed by the Almighty to overthrow the system of intemperance, and that it has proved a most efficient instrument in His hand for diminishing human misery, and preparing the way for the Gospel.

Moved by Mr. H. LYMAN, Seconded by Rev. Mr. MILES,

4.—*Resolved*, That the city of Montreal has not of late occupied a sufficient share of attention, and that it now more than ever, on account of its extending population and influence, requires the undivided energies of a Committee of active Temperance men.

Moved by R. MACDONALD, Esq. M. P. P., Seconded by J. P. ROB-LIN, Esq. M. P. P.

5.—*Resolved*, That the Provincial efforts of the Montreal Temperance Society, such as the publication of the *Advocate*, and the employment of lecturers, are likewise of incalculable importance, and ought to receive the undivided attention of an efficient Committee; which, until the formation of a Provincial Union, might be constituted by uniting the office bearers of societies throughout the country who may providentially be in town, with a portion of the Committee of the Montreal Society.

Moved by J. W. POWELL Esq. M. P. P., Seconded by J. H. PRICE, Esq. M. P. P.

6.—*Resolved*, That societies not connected with District Unions which may wish to co-operate, be invited to become Auxiliary to the Montreal Temperance Society, with the understanding that it shall be the duty of the latter to encourage such societies as far as lies in its power, by grants of publications and visits of lecturing agents; and that it shall be their duty in return to contribute to its funds by annual collection or otherwise, and to co-operate in its efforts.

Moved by Capt. HILLIARD, Seconded by Councillor LYMAN.

7.—*Resolved*, That it is expedient to organize the Committee of the Montreal Society in two distinct divisions, one having for its object efforts in behalf of the Province generally, including the publication of the *Advocate*, and the other having this great and growing city exclusively for its sphere of action; and that the following be the Office Bearers and Committee for the year 1845:—

D. P. JANES.—*President*.

Vice Presidents.—All Ministers of the Gospel in the city, being members of total abstinence societies,

JAMES COURT,

JAMES R. ORR.

Committee for Provincial Efforts, including *Advocate*,

JOHN DOUGALL, *Chairman*.

R. D. WADSWORTH, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

All office-bearers of total abstinence societies throughout the country who may providentially be in the city.

A. SAVAGE, JAMES MILNE, HENRY VENNOR.

Committee for the City,

HENRY LYMAN, *Chairman*.

JOHN HOLLAND, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

John M. Waters,

Alexander Gemmel, Sen.

Robt Campbell,

E. Atwater,

Samuel Hedge,

J. C. Becket,

C. Alexander,

Doct. A. Fisher,

John Fletcher,

John Griffith,

W. H. Colt,

C. M'Kay,

M. Purkis,

A. Adams,

John Douglass,

John Barnard,

William Muir,

Robert M'Dougall.

With power to add to their number.

Moved by Rev. H. O. CROFTS, Seconded by R. M'DONALD, Esq.,

M. P. P. and supported by H. LYMAN, Esq.

8.—*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Society are due, and be now given to John Dougall, Esq. for the efficient and liberal manner in which he has filled the office of President for several years past.

After singing by the choir and the benediction by the Rev. H. O. CROFTS, the meeting was closed. The collection amounted to £8 17s. 9d.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Committee for Provincial efforts met on the 14th instant, at the house of the chairman. Present—Hon. R. B. Sullivan, Malcolm Cameron, Esq., M. P. P., J. W. Powell, Esq., M. P. P., J. P. Roblin, Esq., M. P. P., H. B. Bostwick, Esq., of Port Stanley, Messrs. J. R. Orr, H. Vennor, James Milne, R. D. Wadsworth, and John Dougall, in the chair.

After some interesting conversation it was decided—

1st. To open negotiations with parties believed to be suitable for travelling lecturers, and especially with the celebrated Mr. Gough, who is now giving such an impetus to the cause in the United States.

2nd. To assist societies in poor parts of the country and new settlements with grants of tracts, anti-bacchus, &c. and also to furnish them with a few copies of the *Advocate* for a year, with the understanding that they shall pay for them if possible. Said societies to be recommended either by a travelling agent, or some gentlemen of standing known to the Committee.

3rd. Committee to meet on the first Monday of every month, at 9 o'clock in the morning, at the house of the Chairman.

PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE AND AUXILIARIES.

It will be seen, by the resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting, that advantage has been taken of the presence in this city, as members of Legislature &c of several office bearers of Temperance Societies from a distance, to add them ex-officio to the Committee for Provincial efforts. And that Societies which may desire to co-operate in the efforts of the Montreal Society, and which are not already engaged in District Unions, are invited to become auxiliaries. All who may wish to avail themselves of this invitation will be pleased to send reports of their efforts for the past year, their present condition, and their prospects and intentions for the future. Address (post-paid) to R. D. WADSWORTH, Secretary.

TEE-TOTAL MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE.

We are much gratified to announce that at least, five members of the Lower House, and one of the Legislative Council, are