

QUEBEC TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITORY LEAGUE.

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

HELD IN MONTREAL,

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th and 19th, 1874.

FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Quebec Temperance and Prohibitory League, assembled on Wednesday the eighteenth day of February at Ten o'clock A.M. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D., Vice-President, occupied the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Jas. McCaul.

The Chairman then delivered an able and interesting address, sketching the progress made throughout the Dominion during the year, and describing the condition of society in Great Britain, as observed by him during a recent visit thither. Despite the great progress in wealth, in population, in social improvement, in christian effort, and in the betterment of the working classes, it was a lamentable fact that the consumption of ardent spirits, and the cost of maintaining the police force and the poor houses had increased. The lunatics had increased five or six per cent. in ten years. Was it wonderful that such should be the case, when the houses wherein strong drinks are sold, if placed side by side in a row, would reach seven hundred miles? He also gave a brief *resumé* of British Legislation in regard to the traffic, stated his conviction that the only true remedy was the total prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all intoxicants, and earnestly hoped that the League would manfully keep the flag of Prohibition aloft.

The Secretary informed the League that the following representative bodies had been pleased to appoint delegates to the present meeting, viz.—