

FINANCE.—Rep. H. S. Lighthall, J. B. Gibson, and J. Rickaby.

The G.W.P's Report was read as follows:—

G. W. P'S REPORT.

ST. JOHNS, June 18, 1856.

Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division, of C. E.

Another period has passed, and we are again permitted to assemble in Session of this Grand Division, and I trust this meeting together will be one of harmony, concord and brotherly love.

Since our last meeting circumstances affecting the cause of temperance have transpired, that to some may appear alarming. We have again been thwarted in our object in the Legislative Halls; but on a careful examination of all the circumstances connected therewith, we shall see that the fault lay with our pretended friends. The voice of 100,000 loyal and true temperance men have not been heard in favour of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, whilst only about 4,000 advocates of the foul Demon that stalks triumphantly throughout our land petitioned against it. Let us never despair, but let us remonstrate and Petition until our Legislators shall grant us the great boon which is our due.

It is probable that before the next Session of Parliament, a general election will take place; if so, it behoves us to be looking out for men of sterling merit to represent us,—men of principle, not expediency,—men that will do what they promise; and let no friend of temperance give his vote to any candidate that will not pledge himself to vote for a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

I have received Reports from the Deputies of the following places, viz:—Clarenceville 2, Qcebec 2, Bristol 2, Leeds 2, Richelieu 2, St. Michaels 2, Lacolle 1, Montreal 1, St. Johns 1,—embracing only 13 Divisions,—in consequence of which I am not enabled to make as full a report of the state of the order under our jurisdiction as I could wish. The Divisions from which I have received reports, report favorably of the sure but slow progress of their several Division.