

Illie and Dorrie. Mr. Campbell was called to the Chair, and briefly explained the object of the meeting. Messrs. Dougall, Wadsworth, and Morton, from Montreal, then addressed the audience, which was very attentive, with great effect: after which, twenty names were added to the pledge, making the number of members in this Society *One Hundred*. I understand there is to be a "Temperance Soiree" shortly, of which I shall send you an account. I am extremely glad that the *Advocate* has become so popular, as it proves that even at the "eleventh hour" Sense, Reason, and Temperance will and must prevail.

JAMES SHEFLEY, 65th Regiment.

QUEBEC, February 15, 1841.

Sir,—The cause of Temperance is making glorious progress in this city. The Societies are increasing daily. The sale of intoxicating liquors is rapidly decreasing. The most remarkable feature is, that in proportion to the progress of the cause, so is the amount of crime diminished.

I remain, dear Sir, your's respectfully.

S. JONES LYMAN.

## CANADA TEMPERANCE ADVOCATE.

"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor do any thing by which thy brother is made to stumble, or to fall, or is weakened. Rom. xiv. 21.—*Macnight's Translation.*"

MONTREAL, MARCH, 1841.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Montreal Temperance Society took place on the evening of Tuesday the 29d ulto., in the American Presbyterian Church. The President of the Society in the chair. After prayer by the Rev. W. TAYLOR, the report of the Committee was read, and the following resolutions carried unanimously.

Moved by J. E. MILLS, Esq. seconded by Mr. J. C. BECKET.

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

Moved by Mr. H. LYMAN, seconded by Mr. B. MORTON.

2. *Resolved*,—That the rapid progress of Temperance principles throughout the civilized world, clearly demonstrates that the approbation and blessing of God rests upon the cause in which we are engaged.

Moved by Rev. C. STRONG, A. M., seconded by Mr. J. FRASER.

3. *Resolved*,—That we have seen, with great satisfaction, the triumphant progress which has been made in Ireland by the Rev. T. Mathew, and that we also rejoice to witness the efforts of many of our Irish and French-Canadian fellow-citizens to banish the use of intoxicating drinks; which we cordially wish may be soon crowned with complete success.

Moved by Rev. W. TAYLOR, seconded by Mr. JOHN M'WATERS.

4. *Resolved*,—That as there is no evidence to show that the wines and strong drinks mentioned in Scripture were always of an intoxicating nature, this meeting expresses its regret that this point has been so generally taken for granted, and that so many have supposed the use of intoxicating drinks to be sanctioned by Scripture.

Moved by Rev. H. O. CROFTS, seconded by Mr. A. SAVAGE.

5. *Resolved*,—That the Union of the Provinces constitutes a new era in the history of Canada; and therefore it is the duty of Temperance Societies throughout the country to unite their efforts for the purpose of rendering that era especially remarkable for the progress of Temperance principles.

Moved by Mr. JOHN HOLLAND, seconded by Mr. W. GREIG.

6. *Resolved*,—That with a much nearer prospect of victory over the drinking usage which have so long held men in thralldom, and desolated society, an increased obligation rests upon us to contribute more and more of our substance, our energies, and our prayers, for the advancement of the Temperance Reformation.

Moved by Mr. JAMES MILNE, seconded by Mr. D. P. JAMES.

7. *Resolved*,—That the following individuals be the Officers-bearers of this Society for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number:—

JOHN DOUGALL, *President.*

REV. W. TAYLOR, REV. C. STRONG, REV. H. O. CROFTS, JACOB DE WITT, AND J. E. MILLS, *Vice-Presidents.*

JAMES R. ORR, *Treasurer.*

JAMES COURT, *Cor. Secretary.*

E. D. WADSWORTH, *Rec. Secretary.*

### COMMITTEE.

Joseph Fraser,  
William Greig,  
John M'Watters,  
James Milne,  
Robert Morton,  
William Morton,  
Richard Yates,

J. C. Becket,  
Henry Lyman,  
S. Mathewson,  
Wm. Whiteford,  
Alfred Savage,  
Wm. M'Master,  
John Holland,

S. H. May,  
James Wilson,  
Theodore Lyman,  
Samuel Hedge,  
D. P. James,  
Thomas Galbraith,  
John Brodie.

During the proceedings, a letter was handed to the Chairman from the Secretary of the Roman Catholic Temperance Society of this city, giving some interesting details respecting its condition. Immediately succeeding its been read from the Chair, the following resolution, moved by the Rev. W. TAYLOR, seconded by the Rev. H. O. CROFTS, was unanimously adopted, viz:—

"That the Secretary of this Society acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the letter just laid before the meeting, and forward with the communication a copy of the third resolution."

At the close a collection was taken up amounting to £6 11s. 10d., and four persons subscribed the pledge.

### FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MONTREAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

1. Since the appointment of your Committee at the fourth anniversary meeting, they have laboured to advance the Temperance Reformation, under a deep sense of the importance and solemnity of the duties devolving upon them. And whilst they acknowledge their own weakness and incapacity to fulfil these duties properly, they feel a firm and abiding conviction, that the cause in which they have laboured, is the cause of God: that it is distinguished by his special blessing; and that he will in his merciful providence prosper and advance it, till the light of truth with regard to the nature and effects of intoxicating drinks, shall be universally diffused and acknowledged.

2. **PUBLIC MEETINGS.**—Finding considerable apathy on the part of the public to attend meetings, the Committee have not done much in this department of temperance effort. There have been, nevertheless, a number of meetings held during the year, some of which produced excellent results. A series of monthly meetings was projected, and for some time carried on, in the different suburbs of the city, but the attendance was very indifferent, and they were finally discontinued. The excellent meetings were held in the open air. A delightful Temperance Pleasure Trip, in the month of August last, at which the celebrated traveller, Mr. BUCKINGHAM, was a guest, also gave great satisfaction to the Society, and friends of the cause. And a Soiree, or social meeting, took place on the 4th inst., in the Baptist Chapel, which it is believed, produced a very good impression on the public mind. Members of the Committee have also been instrumental in getting up and addressing meetings in other parts of the country, viz. Quebec, Kingston, Windsor, Amherstburgh, Laprairie, and Lachine: besides the series of meetings called for and addressed by the President of your Society last Spring, in the course of his journey from Sandwich to Montreal.

The Committee cannot close this part of their report without stating that, in view of the great success which has attended the partial efforts referred to, they deem it their duty to urge upon this Society and Societies throughout the country, the great and pressing