

MONTREAL, 23rd November, 1872.

SIR,

At the last Annual Meeting of the Quebec (Provincial) Temperance and Prohibitory League, the undersigned were appointed to wait upon, or correspond with the Roman Catholic Temperance Organizations of the Province, with a view to enlisting their co-operation in efforts to secure the prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating beverages.

The precept and example of temperance men and temperance societies, have undoubtedly secured great blessings to humanity; but something more is required to meet the circumstances of our times.

The evils resulting from the habit of using alcoholic drinks have assumed a social and political magnitude, that philanthropists, medical men, scientific men, magistrates, and legislators must grasp, consider and resolve upon.

So long as alcohol is manufactured for beverages, and its sale for that purpose licensed in this Dominion, common commercial energy enforcing sales will distribute it to every quarter, and so long as its poison is hidden in pleasant drinks cunningly made sweet and aromatic to suit gratefully every palate from the most gross to the most refined, there will everywhere be found purchasers.

The action and power of government are required to bring about the emancipation of many of our fellow men from the thralldom of drinking habits by removing the temptation, and punishing the tempter.

It is the intention of the society we represent, to unite with the friends of the temperance cause in the other Provinces, in petitioning the Dominion Legislature, for an act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks.

We respectfully solicit the concurrence and support of the Roman Catholic clergy, and the Temperance Societies under their direction, and shall feel obliged if you will consider the subject of this communication, and favor us with an early reply containing your views, addressed to Mr. T. S. Brown, Montreal.

We are,

Yours respectfully,

(Signed,)

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