

To the General Committee of the Railway Celebration.

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned officers of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, in Canada East, beg leave most respectfully to represent,

That in common with the community generally we rejoice in the prosperity of the country, and in the success of every enterprise calculated to advance its material progress, and test its various and vast resources. The completion of the Grand Trunk Railway to Toronto is one of these enterprises, and the opening of that road is an event of such importance, as to deserve a celebration on a magnificent scale. That celebration may not only convey to strangers and visitors an idea of the material wealth of Canada, but may also afford an opportunity for all to judge of the moral character and order of the people of Canada. This will much depend on the manner in which the celebration shall be managed. The great object of our organization is to promote the temperance cause, and prevent the increase of intemperance, and therefore we beg leave to urge on you the necessity and propriety of carrying out the plan of festivities without the use of intoxicating drinks, as was the case a few years ago at a magnificent celebration in the neighbouring republic. Such a mode of demonstration will not only be the means of avoiding innumerable evils, but will be most likely to secure the cordial co-operation of *all classes and all professions*.

We yield to none in desiring the prosperity of Canada, and are as anxious as any can be that the commercial importance of Montreal should be known and appreciated, but being persuaded that these objects can be accomplished without the use of strong drink better than with, it is earnestly hoped that no intoxicating liquor will be provided by the general committee of management for the guests at the approaching demonstration.

The Grand Division of Canada East, now assembled for the transaction of business, is composed of representatives of subordinate divisions, located in various parts of Canada East, including Montreal and Quebec. We have been authorized to address you on this subject, with the full conviction that the sentiments and desires expressed are coincided in by a large majority of the people among whom we live.

Trusting that our judgment and respectful wish may receive your favourable consideration,

J. S. HALL, Grand Worthy Patriarch,
 J. H. GILMAN, Grand Worthy Associate,
 HENRY ROSE, Grand Scribe,
 A. SMEATON, Grand Treasurer,
 REV. W. SCOTT, Grand Chaplain,
 W. M. MACFIE, Grand Conductor,
 WM. FARRELL, Grand Sentinel.

Moved by G. Scribe Rose, seconded by Rep. Greenshields.

Resolved.—That the meetings for next year be—the semi-annual meeting in Lachute and the annual meeting in Quebec. Adopted.