

REPORT

OF THE

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

CHARITABLE COMMITTEE,

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

OF THE

SPECIAL FUND

FOR THE

RELIEF OF THE SUFFERERS

BY THE BURNING OF THE

STEAMER "MONTREAL,"

ON THE 26TH JUNE, 1857.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the Society was held, at the Mechanics' Institute, on the evening of Thursday, the 24th instant, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee charged with the distribution of the funds collected on behalf of the sufferers by the burning of the "Montreal." Alex. Morris, Esq., read the Report, a copy of which is subjoined:—

The Committee charged with the oversight of the St. Andrew's Home beg leave to submit the following as an

INTERIM REPORT :

That in conformity with the instructions given them, the Committee took active measures to fit up the Home for occupation, and to erect a suitable bath and washhouse in connection with the premises.

They had their arrangements nearly completed, and the repairs and additions were in such a state of forwardness as that the repairs would, in the ordinary course, have been ready for use in three weeks, when the disastrous burning of the steamer *Montreal*, near Quebec, occurred on the 26th of June, and cast a deep gloom over the whole community. Your Committee felt constrained, by an urgent sense of duty, to provide at once a refuge for the survivors, and to endeavour, so far as lay in their power, to alleviate their distress and supply them with clothing and other necessaries, and send them to their destinations.

The Home was accordingly opened and furnished, and on the evening of their arrival 76 survivors found a home in the building.

It is not the purpose of the Committee to submit a lengthened narrative of the many duties which devolved upon them in consequence of the assumption of so weighty a charge.

They cannot refrain, however, from gratefully acknowledging the cordial sympathy and active co-operation of many zealous friends, and especially of the numerous and respectable committee of ladies who, with so much fidelity and prudence, took charge of the clothing department, and otherwise rendered efficient service. They also feel it a duty to notice the attention of the Chaplains of the Society, Drs. Mathieson and Taylor, and also the Rev. Messrs. Kemp, Snodgrass and Bonar, in carrying on religious services in the Home, and otherwise discharging the duties of their sacred office.

The labours of the Committee were indeed lightened by the countenance and active sympathy of the whole community, whose offers of

aid and substantial donations of money and clothing enabled the Committee to provide in a suitable manner for the necessities of these strangers in a strange land.

The Committee have also pleasure in acknowledging the spontaneous offers of free passages to the survivors made with such promptitude by the Grand Trunk Railway and the Royal Mail Line of Steamers, a liberality which the Emigration Department, through its efficient chief at Quebec, A. C. Buchanan, Esq., also kindly proffered, and of which last offer the Committee availed themselves, and had much satisfaction in thus being enabled to forward to their destinations the sufferers, and also in necessitous cases enabling some relative to proceed to Quebec to gratify the lingering hope of discovering some other survivor, to be added to the scanty remnant of a once godly company, or to recognize the bodies of the dead, or to reclaim some relic or property of the lost.

The Montreal Telegraph Company also with praiseworthy consideration placed their lines of telegraph throughout the Province at the disposal of the Society for the transmission of despatches relative to the disaster without charge.

The ladies in charge of the School of Industry, and the matron and medical officers of the Montreal General Hospital, and the physician to the Society, Dr. Barnston, were in their respective spheres most assiduous in their attention to those under their charge.

The care taken of little Jeanie Caldwell (the orphaned and suffering infant round whom gathered so many sympathies and whom so many were anxious to adopt as their own) by the matron and others in the Hospital ought not to be overlooked. All was done for her that human skill could supply, but without avail.

The Cemetery Company also with commendable liberality presented the Society with a suitable lot of ground in the Mount Royal Cemetery for the interment of the dead, and 15 bodies were interred there.

The Committee submit herewith the Treasurer's statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Relief Fund, which has been carefully audited by a sub-Committee of their number.

They received in all from all sources for the Fund £1182 5s 11d. They have expended in various ways, fully detailed in the statement, £1078 17s 2d, leaving a balance of £103 8s 9d still to be appropriated.

In the distribution of the funds and the grants made to the various sufferers, each case was investigated and its merits decided upon after a full

knowledge of all its circumstances, and the peculiar position and necessities of the several recipients of aid.

While acknowledging in detail in the alphabetical list of contributors, also herewith submitted, the sums received in the city and from various parts of the Province, the Committee feel called upon to refer in an especial manner to the general co-operation and pecuniary aid afforded them by the St. Andrew's Society of Quebec, who, moreover, in addition to the grant made to this Society, expended a fund raised by the Society in the relief of the survivors. The amount collected by the Quebec Society was, as we learn by their report, £323 7s 6d currency, in addition to which they received £26 from Belleville. Of this sum they remitted £100 to your Committee, and expended the remainder under their own auspices.

The Committee also notice with much pleasure the pecuniary assistance given by the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society and the German Society of this city, each of so liberal an amount, as also of the Scottish National Societies of Kingston, Three Rivers, Detroit and Ontonagan, while the proffer of aid, if required, was also made by the St. Patrick's Society of this city and by other Societies, though the funds then placed at the disposal of the Committee were such as not to require the acceptance of the amounts which might thus have been placed at their disposal.

The amounts received from the country were considerable, and on a review of the whole circumstances of the case it is very evident that our people as a people are ever ready to acknowledge the claims of suffering humanity, irrespective of the nationalities of the Old World, and to give freely, as occasion may require, to alleviate the sufferings of the really necessitous.

The Committee felt it to be their duty, in view of all the circumstances of the conflagration of the ill-fated steamer, to retain Counsel to watch the proceedings of the inquest at Quebec, and accordingly engaged the services of Edward Carter, Esq., who accordingly proceeded to Quebec and during a fortnight discharged his duties with fidelity and credit to himself.

The Committee trust that, when the matter comes under the cognizance of the Higher Court, the causes of the disaster will be faithfully inquired into, and substantial justice will be done. Respect to the lives of the community and the general interests of the Province demand this; while the loss of 254 lives loudly cries for a thorough and searching investigation, and a stern and uncompromising administration of justice.

The Committee think that steps should be taken to secure for the use of the Society the lot of ground adjoining the one granted them in the Cemetery, and to enclose it in a suitable manner; and also to erect at Montreal and Quebec fitting memorials to mark the spots where lie so many victims of the sad disaster of the 29th of June. Already through the kind thoughtfulness and genuine liberality of Mr. Crawford, the

Scottish vocalist, the sum of £20 (the gross receipts of a concert given by him in Hamilton) has been placed at the command of the Committee for the erection of a monument in the Montreal Cemetery. This was a graceful act, and deserves to be recorded to the credit of Mr. Crawford. The Committee are satisfied that a special appeal for these purposes would be cheerfully responded to.

The Committee further recommend that the balance of funds in their hands should be for some time retained to meet any possible demand upon it, and that thereafter the advice of the Society as to the appropriation of the eventual balance should be obtained.

The Committee would only further remark that, in addition to the Special Fund, the sum of £86 has, through the attention directed to the Home by the disaster, been presented to them, for its purposes, by various friends in different parts of the Province. This is but right, as the Home is, in its emigration department, provincial in its objects; and hereafter the St. Andrew's Societies may, if a proper system of correspondence and co-operation be entered into, prove of much service to the Scottish emigrant on his arrival in the Province.

The Committee, in conclusion, reserve to a future period the report of the funds, present position, and management of the St. Andrew's Home. They trust that, while peculiar circumstances have brought it into such special and prominent notice at so early a period of its history, the re-service it has, during the season that is now closing, proved to be to many a deserving immigrant, will give it a home in the hearts of the people of this Province and City, and cause it to be regarded as a useful and important institution, well deserving the countenance and liberal support of the whole community.

The whole respectfully submitted.

WM. MURRAY,
President.
ALEX. MORRIS,
Vice-President.
JOHN C. BECKETT,
Chairman H. Com.
GEO. TEMPLETON,
Treasurer.
A. RAMSAY.
JOHN McARTHUR.
DAVID BROWN.
CHAS. ALEXANDER.
E. McLENNAN,
Secretary.

Montreal, September 24, 1857.

It was moved by Wm. Edmonstone, Esq., seconded by Jas. Haldane, Esq., and unanimously carried,—

“That the Report be received, adopted and published for general information, together with an alphabetical list of the subscribers.”

After some very appropriate remarks, it was moved by the Rev. Dr. Taylor, seconded by John Fletcher, Esq., and unanimously carried,—

“That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Committee for the diligence and zeal displayed by them in attending on the St. Andrew’s Home, and for the care bestowed on the sufferers there; and also for the judicious management of the fund entrusted to them.”

It was moved by E. McLennan, Esq., seconded by J. C. Becket, Esq., and carried unanimously,—

“That the unwearied assiduity of the Committee of Ladies, who rendered such valuable assistance to the Society by caring for the sufferers by the disaster, is deserving of our most grateful thanks.”

It was moved by Wm. Speirs, Esq., seconded by A. Ramsay, Esq., and unanimously carried,—

“That the Society approve of the suggestion of the *Home Committee* as to the purchase of the lot of ground in the Mount Royal Cemetery and its improvement, authorise them to take steps for that purpose, and respectfully suggest that the object might be obtained by a collection in such churches of the city as take an interest in the operations of the Society.”

It was moved by Alex. Morris, Esq., seconded by T. A. Gibson, Esq., and unanimously carried,—

“That, as farther subscriptions are still required for the fitting up of the building and the maintenance of the *St. Andrew’s Home*, Members of the Society and others in the City and Province, who are favorable to its objects, are invited to contribute to its purposes and support by forwarding their subscriptions to the President, Wm. Murray, Esq., or to the Treasurer, Geo. Templeton, Esq.”



Subscriptions received by St. Andrew's Society in aid of Sufferers by the Burning of the Steamer "Montreal."

	£	s.	d.				
Alex Auld.....	1	5	0	M Campbell.....	2	0	0
Adams & Baxter.....	0	10	0	Alex A F Cowie.....	2	10	0
John Aitken.....	0	10	0	Major Campbell, late 79th Regt.....	1	10	0
Charles Alexander.....	2	10	0	Geo E Clerk.....	2	10	0
Hugh Allan.....	5	0	0	Henry Corrigan.....	0	5	0
Andrew Allan.....	2	10	0	Mrs A Gonnolly.....	1	5	0
J McAdam.....	1	5	0	John Currie.....	0	5	0
W B Allan.....	0	5	0	W R Croil, Osnaburg.....	1	5	0
T B Anderson.....	10	0	0	Robert Cleland.....	1	5	0
John Auld.....	1	5	0	J Campbell, Cooper.....	1	0	0
Aitken & Morrison.....	1	5	0	Major Campbell, St Hilaire.....	5	0	0
A B, St Johns.....	1	5	0	John Dunn.....	0	19	0
Alexandria, from a few friends.....	7	0	0	C B Duncan.....	0	10	0
A young friend to the distressed.....	0	10	0	Wm Douglass.....	1	5	0
John Burns.....	0	10	0	Wm Darling.....	2	10	0
B M & Co.....	1	0	0	J & T Douglass.....	1	5	0
D W Blair.....	0	10	0	Wm Dow.....	10	0	0
Miss Brodie.....	0	10	0	J G Dickson.....	2	0	0
Robt Brodie.....	1	5	0	James Dobie, St Benoit.....	0	5	0
L S Black.....	1	0	0	J Drummond, Petite Cote.....	1	0	0
A A Barber.....	1	0	0	Thomas Davidson.....	1	5	0
W Benny, Jr.....	1	5	0	J Hervey Elwes.....	1	5	0
John Brown.....	2	10	0	E C.....	1	5	0
A Baird.....	0	10	0	Thos Evans, Senr.....	0	10	0
Mrs Betts.....	1	0	0	Wm Edmonstone.....	10	0	0
James Burns.....	2	10	0	E R O.....	1	5	0
John Brodie.....	5	0	0	Charles Esplin.....	0	10	0
Buchanan, Harris & Co.....	12	10	0	Misses Evans.....	0	12	6
Dr Barnston.....	1	0	0	J & R Esdaile.....	7	10	0
Brown, Swan & Co.....	1	5	0	His Excellency Sir Wm Eyre.....	10	0	0
Walter Benny, Senr.....	1	5	0	James Ferrier, Jr.....	5	0	0
R H Brett, Toronto.....	5	0	0	G B Ferguson.....	0	5	0
B.....	1	0	0	John Frazer.....	1	5	0
Alexander Buntin & Co.....	5	0	0	Friends.....	0	15	0
H Bulmer.....	1	0	0	Friend.....	0	10	0
David Bogue, London, C W.....	1	0	0	Friend.....	0	10	0
Z Benoit.....	2	10	0	J Frazer, St J St.....	2	10	0
J Caldwell.....	1	5	0	Frothingham & Workman.....	5	0	0
Cowan & Cross.....	2	10	0	Friend.....	0	10	0
C J Cusack.....	2	10	0	Friend (per J Wood).....	0	3	0
R D Collis.....	2	10	0	Friend.....	0	5	0
Capt J G Cumming.....	1	0	0	D Finlayson, Lachine.....	10	0	9
Geo W Campbell, M D.....	2	10	0	John Fletcher.....	0	10	0
William Cunningham.....	12	10	0	Mrs Fulford.....	1	5	0
W Colquhoun.....	2	10	0	John Fitzpatrick.....	1	5	0
Clark, Winks & Co.....	5	0	0	Friends (per Geo H Low).....	0	15	0
Leslie Charles.....	2	0	0	Peter Fisher.....	0	10	0
Cash, M McC.....	1	5	0	Fort William Subscription (per R Crawford).....	7	0	0
Robt Cassels.....	5	0	0	Wm Gemmill.....	5	0	0
James Coy.....	1	10	0	James Gill.....	0	15	0
W R Clark.....	0	10	0	Archibald Grant.....	1	0	0
James Chalmers.....	1	5	0	D Gorrie.....	2	10	0
James Court.....	5	0	0	J Gray.....	0	10	0
Mr Christie.....	0	10	0	Gault, Stevenson & Co.....	0	10	0
A Connolly.....	2	10	0	S Greenshields, Son & Co.....	5	0	0

James Goudie.....	2	10	0	W G Mack.....	1	10	0
Greer & White.....	0	10	0	B Morton.....	1	0	0
John Gordon.....	1	0	0	Robt Morris.....	1	5	0
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.....	12	10	0	Alex Mitchell.....	2	10	0
James Graham.....	0	10	0	A C Menzies.....	0	10	0
J J Gibb.....	1	5	0	Edward Maxwell.....	1	0	0
Gilmour & Thomson.....	1	5	0	John Morland.....	5	0	0
Thos G Gillespie.....	1	0	0	Walter McFarlan.....	2	10	0
David Gillespie.....	0	10	0	Alex Milloy.....	5	0	0
Thomas Gordon.....	5	0	0	J & J Mitchell.....	5	0	0
J M Grant.....	5	0	0	Archibald Moir.....	1	5	0
German Society.....	18	15	0	R Milroy.....	1	5	0
J A Grant.....	2	10	0	W & R Muir.....	5	0	0
Theodore Hart.....	2	10	0	Geo Matthews.....	5	0	0
John Hutchinson.....	2	10	0	Rev Dr Mathieson.....	2	10	0
W D Henderson, Jr.....	0	10	0	Henry Morgan & Co.....	2	10	0
L H Holton, M P P.....	5	0	0	"More blessed to give than receive".....	0	10	0
Angus C Hooper.....	2	10	0	R Mitchell & Co.....	2	10	0
J S Hunter.....	1	0	0	John Medden.....	0	5	0
W D Hamilton.....	1	5	0	A Macfarlane.....	2	0	0
Robt Hay.....	0	10	0	L Marchand, Acting Mayor.....	10	0	0
Lt Col Holdsworth.....	1	5	0	Hector Munroe.....	2	10	0
Alex Henderson.....	4	0	0	Alexr Morris.....	2	10	0
Henry Holborne.....	0	5	0	Town Major McDonald.....	1	0	0
John Halliday.....	0	5	0	Hon. P. McGill.....	5	0	0
James Halliday.....	2	10	0	Duncan McDougall.....	0	10	0
J & W Hilton.....	5	0	0	Roderick McKenzie.....	0	5	0
James Haldane.....	2	0	0	W. S. McKenzie.....	0	10	0
B Holmes.....	5	0	0	John McArthur.....	2	10	0
Miss H W, Melbourne.....	0	5	0	J. & H. McLennan & Co.....	1	5	0
Geo Hardy, Kingston.....	2	10	0	J. McAnlay.....	0	10	0
A F Holmes, M D.....	2	10	0	D. L. McDougall.....	7	10	0
John Harold.....	0	9	6	R. D. McCandlish.....	1	5	0
R P Isaacson.....	0	15	0	Mrs. R. W. S. McKay.....	1	5	0
Irish Protestant Benevolent Society.....	100	0	0	Thos. D'Arcy McGee.....	1	5	0
Do do do additional.....	2	10	0	James McDougall.....	4	0	0
Indian Lands, 17th Concession, per J Campbell.....	12	15	0	John McIntosh.....	1	5	0
J S.....	1	5	0	Wm. McKenzie (Port William).....	7	10	0
James Johnstone.....	5	0	0	F. McCulloch.....	2	10	0
J D R, Grande Ligne.....	0	5	0	H. L. McDougall.....	10	0	0
Joseph Jones.....	2	10	0	A. F. McPherson.....	1	5	0
Joseph Knapp.....	5	0	0	John McLean.....	5	0	0
Kingan & Kinloch.....	2	10	0	D. McFarlane, jr.....	1	0	0
Thomas Ker.....	1	0	0	Nicholas McIntosh.....	0	10	0
D Kinneer & Co.....	3	0	0	Wm. McKinnon.....	0	10	0
Victor Kreemig (proceeds of a Concert given at Pittsfield, Mass).....	5	0	0	Wm. McDougall.....	1	5	0
W Learmont.....	2	10	0	J. G. McKenzie & Co.....	5	0	0
Jas Law.....	5	0	0	Robt. Napier.....	0	10	0
Sarah Lavers.....	0	10	0	John Ogilvy.....	5	0	0
Lockett & Louson.....	2	10	0	R. S. Oliver.....	1	5	0
James Lea.....	1	0	0	Archd. Ogilvy.....	2	10	0
Charles A Low.....	10	0	0	John O'Meara.....	0	5	0
James Logan.....	2	10	0	A. W. Ogilvie.....	1	0	0
Geo Lulham.....	1	0	0	F. Paterson.....	0	10	0
Murdoch Laing.....	2	10	0	Mrs. Philbean.....	1	10	0
Martintown Church of Scotland.....	15	0	0	Mrs. Paton (Bank B. N. A.).....	5	0	0
William Murray.....	5	0	0	E. A. Prentice.....	5	0	0
E Lyman Mills.....	5	0	0	Peggy.....	0	2	6
James Moir.....	2	10	0	T. Peck & Co.....	2	10	0
James Mavor.....	2	10	0	A. T. Paterson.....	1	5	0
Wm Moodie.....	2	10	0	T. C. Panton.....	1	5	0
Thomas Mussen.....	2	10	0	John Penner.....	1	5	0
David Mair.....	1	5	0	James Parkin.....	1	5	0
Joseph McKay.....	5	0	0	Myles Pennington.....	2	10	0
John Muir.....	0	5	0	Hon. Col. Rollo, Asst.-Agt.-Gen.....	5	0	0
Merison, Cameron & Empey.....	2	10	0	John Rose.....	5	0	0
Rev Wm Murray, Monkton, N B.....	2	10	0	H. L. Routh.....	5	0	0
				Duncan Robertson.....	2	10	0
				Hon. L. Renaud.....	2	10	0

J. M. Ross.....	2 10 0	James Tyre.....	2 10 0
Mrs. Rintoul.....	1 10 0	S. P. Tilton & Co.....	1 5 0
James Roy.....	1 5 0	Edward Taylor (New York).....	1 0 0
George Ruthven.....	0 5 0	Johnston Thompson.....	2 10 0
M. Ramsay.....	2 10 0	Mrs. Johnston Thompson.....	2 10 0
William Ray.....	1 5 0	A. Urquhart & Co.....	2 10 0
James Rough (Toronto).....	2 10 0	Wright & Scott.....	2 10 0
J. Rattray.....	2 10 0	G. D. Watson.....	2 10 0
Mrs. A. M. Ross.....	25 0 0	Walter Watson.....	2 10 0
Mrs. Arthur Ross.....	1 0 0	Weir & Dunn.....	2 10 0
Thomas Ryan.....	2 10 0	John Wood.....	0 10 0
C. S. Ross (Kingston).....	5 0 0	W T.....	0 5 0
John Sinclair.....	2 10 0	Wm. Wilson (299 Notre Dame St.).....	1 5 0
William Stephen.....	2 10 0	John Young & Co.....	10 0 0
Stewart & McIntyre.....	2 10 0	Thomas Yeoman.....	0 10 0
Wm. Smith.....	0 2 6	Subscriptions from Scotch people, St. Johns, C. E.:	
G. & D. Shaw.....	5 0 0	C. & D. McDonald.....	10 0 0
Gilbert Scott.....	5 0 0	Miss Fleming.....	5 0 0
James Stirling.....	1 0 0	James Bisset.....	2 10 0
Jno. Stirling.....	1 10 0	Dr. Wright.....	2 10 0
Miss Emma Stanley (proceeds of en- tertainment at Toronto).....	15 8 6	Colin McFarlane.....	1 0 0
James Scott.....	2 10 0	Major Taylor.....	1 5 0
James Smith.....	0 10 0	C Thomson.....	1 5 0
John Strete (Rouse's Point).....	1 5 0	T. Robertson.....	0 5 0
Mr. Supple.....	0 10 0	H. Ramsay.....	0 5 0
David Smillie.....	0 10 0	W. McGinnis.....	0 10 0
A Scotchman (Toronto).....	0 5 0	Robt. McGinnis.....	0 10 0
A. Simpson.....	2 10 0	Wm. McCrae.....	10 0 0
W. C. Spiller and family.....	3 0 0		
Mrs. Henry Stewart.....	1 5 0		£1182 5 11
Sympathizer.....	0 10 0		
Wm. Spier & Son.....	1 5 0		
Presbyterian Church, Southampton, C. W. (per Rev. J. H. McNaughton).....	3 5 0	CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ST. ANDREW'S HOME:	
Geo. Starke.....	0 10 0	From the U. P. Church, Dumbarton, per Rev. A. Kennedy.....	£ 10 0 0
St. Andrew's Society and others (Kingston).....	60 0 0	From U. P. Church, Westminster, per Rev. Dr. Taylor.....	10 0 0
Do do do (Three Rivers).....	35 0 0	Scotchmen and others, Bowmanville, per Hon. J. Simpson.....	25 0 0
Do do do (Quebec).....	100 0 0	Roman Catholic Church, Alexandria, per Rev. J. J. Chisholm.....	7 0 0
Scotch Employees & others G. T. RR. (Longueuil).....	22 5 0	Lancaster Congregation in connec- tion with Church of Scotland, per Jno. McLennan.....	13 16 0
St. Andrew's Society (Detroit).....	6 5 0	Others in the neighborhood, per Jno. McLennan.....	3 14 8
Scarborough Orangemen (per Rev. Mr. Barn).....	8 6 8	Roman Catholic Church, St. Raphels, per A. D. McDonald.....	4 0 0
Mrs. Wm. Stewart.....	0 10 0	CONTRIBUTION FOR ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.	
St. Andrew's Society, Ontonagan (per R. R. Livingston).....	5 0 0	Huntingdon and Athelstane Congre- gations and a few friends, per Rev. Alex. Wallace.....	£ 12 10 0
D. Torrance & Co.....	12 10 0		
Robert Taylor.....	1 5 0		£86 0 8
F. W. Torrance.....	2 10 0		
T. M. Taylor.....	2 10 0		
Thomson, Claxton & Co.....	5 0 0		
James Thompson.....	1 0 0		

