

CITIZENS' LEAGUE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, 4th MARCH, 1889.

DEAR SIR,

With a view to entering a vigorous protest against the proposed legislation now threatened at Quebec, a public meeting will be held to-morrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, in the CABINET DE LECTURE, opposite the Seminary, 1717 Notre Dame Street, to be presided over by HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP FABRE.

The following is the petition it is intended to ask the meeting to adopt :

TO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATURE, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC:

The memorial of the undersigned citizens of Montreal humbly showeth that sundry petitions, signed with remarkably unanimity by the Bishops and Clergy of all denominations and by the representative and leading citizens of Montreal, have during the past year been presented to your Honorable House, requesting, among other matters, that the following principles be embodied in the License Law of the Province, to wit :

That it be made illegal to sell liquor to minors.

That the right of private prosecution be maintained.

That the right of opposition as it now exists be maintained.

That the right of determining the number of licenses to be issued within the City of Montreal be put within the power of the Montreal City Council.

That in view of the obvious justice of these requests, and the universal sentiment in their favor, the undersigned have heard with profound regret that it is the intention of the Government to deny to citizens the right of private prosecution and to deny to the City of Montreal the right of determining the number of licenses within its limits, (a right asked for by the unanimous vote of the Council on 11th January, 1889). To curtail or abrogate the right of opposition, and also to so alter the excellent provisions forbidding the sale of liquors to minors as largely to weaken its effect.

That the undersigned earnestly pray that your honorably body will not attempt any such infringement on the rights of citizens and the best interests of the country.

Will you kindly give us the benefit of the influence of your presence at the meeting.

By order,

J. D. ROLLAND,

Vice-President.

