

in reducing the consumption of intoxicating liquors, in closing drinking resorts, and in preventing the sale of liquors on Sundays, and during prohibited hours, and the most vigorous enforcement of the license law in every particular, would meet with its approval as in the interests of public morals, the domestic comfort and the material wealth of the people of Ontario.

(2) That this Convention further believes that the power given to municipalities to close bars and shops under what is known as local option, if generally exercised, would greatly tend to remove the evils of intemperance, and this Convention would approve of legislation whereby the vote of a municipality must be taken under local option on the petition of twenty-five per cent. of the rate-payers, without reference to the Municipal Council; and further, that in any case of submission under the local option system, there be provision made for offering the alternative of Government control, or for the acceptance by the people of restrictions such as further shortening of hours, reduction of licenses, or Government control of business now carried on under shop licenses or otherwise.

(3) *That in each municipality a vote be taken at the municipal elections of 1906 on the two questions, the abolition of the bars and abolition of shop licenses, the result to be decisive, and to go into effect at the expiration of the then outstanding licenses, and that all necessary legislation be introduced in the meantime to enable this to be done. In municipalities in which licenses are continued, a similar vote may be taken at any time after three years.**

(4) That no new licenses should be issued in unorganized New Ontario for all time to come; the Government should take charge of the necessary sales for medicinal purposes, etc. In granting land for hotel sites it should be stipulated that no liquor is to be sold in them.

(5) That no new licenses shall be granted in licensed municipalities, except on a petition of 50 per cent. of the municipal electors of the polling sub-division where it is desired.

*Clause (3) was in the Report submitted by the Committee on Resolutions but was struck out by the Convention.