

minors. Separation of the sale of liquors from that of groceries. Improvements in the license law only to be intended as steps towards a state of things in which prohibition is possible.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The Province of Nova Scotia occupies an honorable position on the temperance question, but its Branch of the Dominion Alliance has not carried on its work with the energy that might have been expected. Several county organizations, formed on a basis very similar to that of the Alliance, have not yet become officially connected with the Branch, and for want of such a regular system as a Provincial organization should provide, the information that has reached this office is too meagre to enable your Secretary to do justice to that Province. There is certainly material for an efficient Branch of the Alliance, with a valuable network of County Alliances in Nova Scotia, and it is to be hoped the annual meeting of the Branch to be held during the present month will take steps to secure the organized and harmonious co-operation of all the counties under the banner of the Alliance.

The Canada Temperance Act is now in operation in nine counties in Nova Scotia, viz., Digby, Queens, Shelburne, Annapolis, Kings, Hants, Cape Breton, Inverness and Pictou. In a few weeks it will be in operation in Colchester. Pictou upon a second vote sustained the Act by a large majority. It is expected that Yarmouth and Cumberland will soon circulate petitions.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The chief work of the Prince Edward Island Branch is the enforcement of the C. T. Act, which is now law in the whole of that Province. In this they have met with only partial success. Their report says, "the trade is becoming more and more disreputable, and any one who buys illegally does so at the risk of his character." There is an appeal now pending regarding a search warrant. A question has arisen in P. E. I. in reference to the disposition of fines as there appears to be no provision for private prosecutors receiving a portion of the fines.

The Executive of the Branch meets from time to time, as occasion requires, in Charlottetown, and there is an auxiliary in Summerside.

Two important communications in reference to the requirements of P. E. Island are hereby submitted for your consideration.

MANITOBA.—The energies of the Manitoba Branch have been devoted to fighting law suits. Their report complains of the want of proper machinery to enforce the Canada Temperance Act in the two counties (Lisgar and Marquette) in which it has been adopted. An important appeal was taken on the ground that the