

Chairman of Executive—Prof. G. E. Foster, M.P., Apohaqui, N.B.

Solicitor—J. J. McLaren, Q.C., Toronto.

Treasurer—George May, Ottawa.

Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentary Agent—Rev. John Wood, Ottawa.

Recording Secretary—Rev. A. P. McDiarmid, M.A., Ottawa.

Committee—The members of the Executives of the General Provincial Branches of the Alliance, with the Rev. F. W. Farries, Rev. Dr. Moore; Messrs. E. Storr, J. G. Howe, J. K. Stewart, J. B. Halkett, J. Hay, H. Alexander, J. B. Smith, S. A. Abbott, E. Butterell, J. M. T. Hannum, and John Lamb, all of Ottawa, with power to add to their number.

The following report of the Finance Committee which was laid on the table was then taken up for consideration:—

Your Committee on Finance beg to submit that on the 31st Jan., 1884, there was a balance due to the Treasurer of\$ 307
And in addition there have been since incurred liabilities as follows, viz:
To the Treasurer for postage, etc..... 10 00
To the Citizen Publishing Co. for printing, circulars, Petitions, etc..... 300 75
Making in all the sum of \$314.42 due by the Alliance; in addition to which the current expenses of the year should be provided for.

We find that no funds have been received by the Treasurer since our last meeting here on 31st Jan., 1884; and consequently, under the old system, the various provincial branches might be called upon to contribute their proportion of the amount of money that is required. We therefore recommend that an assessment be made as follows:—

Ontario Branch.....	\$150 00
Quebec Branch.....	112 50
New Brunswick Branch.....	60 00
Nova Scotia Branch.....	60 00
Prince Edward Island Branch.....	30 00
Manitoba Branch.....	30 00
British Columbia Branch.....	30 00
	\$472 50

But it may well be questioned, whether this be the best way of carrying on the work; and whether some plan should not be adopted of adding in another way to the sinews of war at our command.

We find at page 84, of the Alliance Year Book, for 1883, some remarks on this very point; and we respectfully recommend that the whole question should be carefully and thoroughly considered.

If an amendment were made to our Constitution, so that individuals might become life-members, by payment of a sum to be agreed upon; and if, in consequence, a number of life members could be got, this would likely result in giving a permanence and cohesiveness to our organization, which would be very desirable and which could not easily be attained in any other way.

Also it might be considered advisable to provide that the responsibility of seeing that the various provincial assessments be regularly paid to the Treasurer, shall be laid on the Vice-Presidents of each Branch, so that the Executive should not be troubled about ways and means; and that the work laid upon the Executive may not be hampered.

The whole is respectfully submitted.

Ottawa
6th Feb., 1885.

GEO. MACLEAN ROSE, *Chairman*.
J. M. M. DUFF, *Secretary*.

It was on motion adopted, and referred to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That we rejoice in the wonderful growth of the Temperance and Prohibition sentiment in this Dominion, as evidenced by the general submission of the Scott Act, and its almost invariable adoption by very substantial majorities. While recognizing the very valuable aid rendered the cause by the various Temperance organizations throughout the Dominion, this Alliance would place on record their obligation to the women of this country, who through the Women's Christian Temperance Unions in the several Provinces, and by individual effort, have contributed so largely to securing these triumphs, and would specially commend the W. C. T. U. to the sympathy and support of the various branch Alliances throughout the Provinces, and respectfully urge upon the Executive having charge of respective campaigns, the advisability of working the co-operation of the W. C. T. U. in conducting such contests.

This Alliance heartily congratulate the W. C. T. U. upon the formation of a Union for the Dominion, and accept the same as a prophecy of their extended and growing influence.

2. *Resolved*,—“That the thanks of the Alliance be presented Mr. F. S. Spence, of Toronto, for his valuable services as Corresponding Secretary of the Alliance, and that Mr. Spence be requested to continue to act as agent for forwarding the petitions to Parliament respecting amendments to the Canada Temperance Act for the present session.”—Carried.

3. That as it is of vast importance in the interest of religion and public morality that the Churches of Canada should manifest increasing favor toward the Temperance Reformation, the Council of the Alliance respectfully and earnestly request the ministers of all denominations to preach a sermon on this grave subject on the second Sabbath in December of the present year.—Carried.

4. The Council of the Alliance having again the satisfaction of meeting in the City Hall, of Ottawa, for the transaction of its annual business, desires to return its most sincere thanks for the accommodation afforded, and to W. P. Lett, Esq., City Clerk, for his attention to the convenience of the members assembled, who is also desired to convey our thanks to the City Council at its next meeting.—Carried.

5. The thanks of the Alliance are hereby tendered the various railways for the facilities granted the delegates in attendance at this Council.—Carried.

6. This Council desires to place on record its deep sense of gratitude to the Rev. John Wood, for valuable services rendered the Council, as Recording Secretary, in which capacity he has gratuitously served the Council for several years.—Carried.

All unfinished business, including the fixing of the salary of the Corresponding Secretary, was on motion referred to the Executive Committee.

The Council then adjourned.

A. P. McDIARMID,
Recording Secretary.

ROYAL TEMPLARS.

ANNUAL SESSION OF ONTARIO GRAND COUNCIL.

The fourth annual session of the Royal Templars of Ontario, in Grand Council, was held in the Temperance Hall of Toronto, commencing on Tuesday morning of last week, and lasting until Thursday morning. It was one of the most important meetings ever held in connection with the order in Canada, on account of the Canadian Independence question, and great interest was manifested in it. All the officers were present at the opening, and also the three principal officers of the Supreme Council of the United States. There are nearly two hundred select Councils in the province, each entitled to a delegate, and the number not represented was exceedingly small.

The Grand Councillor, Rev. John Kay, presented a long report, much of it devoted to the Independence question, indicating that he was not in thorough harmony with the formation of the Dominion Council, but rather favorable to the Grand Council of Ontario, assuming the work of Independence. He referred in a very pleasant strain to the relation the order bore to other temperance organizations, and its growing aggressiveness in prohibition work.

The Grand Secretary pointed to the remarkable growth of the Order, which during the year had made great strides reaching from Newfoundland on the East to British Columbia on the West.

“Reaching from the western wave,
To where the rosy dawn inflames the sea.”

He advised uniform capita tax, the perfecting of the District Council system, greater attention to the Sick Benefit department, and a reconsideration of the plan of representation to Grand Council, as he considered the present plan of giving each Council a representative was not only unfair to large Councils, but it made the Grand Council unwieldy. He referred with pride, to the part taken by Royal Templars in the battles and victories of prohibition.

The Grand Treasurer's report was very satisfactory, shewing a balance on hand of \$876.02 after an expenditure during the year of \$3,515.47, exclusive of benefits.

The Committee on Temperance Legislation presented an excellent report which brought out a vigorous and enthusiastic discussion. They recommended the centralizing of effort for the present in the Scott Act agitation, advising the select Councils to enter into earnest alliance with all temperance societies in the prosecution of Scott Act campaigns and Scott Act enforcement. A resolution protesting against any effort to mutilate the Scott Act was unanimously adopted.

On the question of Canadian Independence, in addition to matter contained in the reports of the Grand Councillor and Grand Secretary, addresses were given by the Supreme Councillor, Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer, also a report from the representatives of the Ontario Grand Council in the Dominion Council. The whole matter was referred to a special committee, composed of J. H. Flagg, Mitchell; W. W. Buchanan, Winnipeg; Dr. Ough, Millbrook; W. Ross, Port Perry; Rev. Geo. Young, Trenton; A. B. Walker, Waterford; and J. Dunlop, Toronto.

Briefly stated this important question arose from an agitation for making British North America an independent jurisdiction of the Order, recognizing the Supreme Council of the United States as the parent body, and maintaining with it uniform work and fraternal union. It was ordained by a former union with the United Temperance Association of Canada, that in the establishment of this independence a new grade of Council should be formed, to be the head of the Order in the jurisdiction, and that it should be made up of representatives from the various Grand Councils. A couple of years ago this was objected to by some of the Ontario members because there were no other Grand Councils in Canada, and it was contended that the Grand Council of Ontario could do all the business. Since that time, however, Grand Councils have been formed in New Brunswick and Manitoba, with Nova Scotia soon to follow, and a good start made in British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and Newfoundland. A clear majority, even of the Ontario members granted the necessity of the national body, and it was a few months ago instituted in accordance with legislation provided