

LIFE WITH THE ALLIED TROOPS IN ARCHANGEL



In this photo is seen an American soldier in Arctic garb, at the right a member of the 33rd Infantry, standing guard at one of the warehouses in which are stored supplies for the allied troops in Archangel, Russia. A load of oatmeal is being unloaded into the warehouse from the truck.

The Temperance Movement In New Brunswick Seventy Years Ago

Sir Leonard Tilley Prominent Among The Temperance Workers of That Time; An Interesting Review of Conditions in Pioneer Days

Shepody, Albert Co., April 1.—(Special Correspondence of the Moncton Transcript)—Now that the temperance question is so prominently before the people of the whole world, and advanced temperance legislation, amounting to practical prohibition, has spread over the entire continent and taken a firm hold in our own province, we might well, perhaps, look back and see what the temperance people of New Brunswick were doing seventy years ago, when the first permanently organized and permanent temperance crusade opened in this province. We are prone these days, when we view with gratification the realization of the dreams of long ago with a prohibitory law on the statute books of our province, to praise (and rightly so) our present legislators and the temperance men and women of today who have seen the culmination of their honest and devoted work, in the establishment of a law, long looked for, that places the liquor trade where it should be, beyond the pale of respectable citizenship and legal protection. But while such praise is warranted and proper, we should not forget that the men to whom the laurels of praise and credit should go, are those who have long since passed away; the men, who seventy years and more ago, when total abstinence was looked upon very differently from what it is today, toiled and labored, in season and out, through good report and ill, unhesitatingly, unselfishly in the interests of this great cause of humanity; who spent their time, their money and their abilities in not only open advocacy of temperance and prohibition but in organized effort, so necessary, for the success of any movement and which, in those old days, nearly three-quarters of a century ago, got a grip on the whole province, which time and its enemies have been unable to destroy, and which is responsible in so large a measure for the present province-wide temperance sentiment and temperance legislation.

Those men did not live to all the fulfillment of their hopes and expectations but they lived long enough to see an ever increasing temperance sentiment and the onward march of the great temperance army which they, no doubt, with true optimism and faith, felt would mean ultimate victory for prohibition and the temperance forces. And they left a name and an influence that have been of value beyond estimate. We today should and do pay a tribute to those noble men, those stalwarts in the temperance cause of three generations ago, who bore the burden and the heat of the day and have ceased from their labors. These are the men who started the temperance wave, that has rolled to the present day.

results of the great "movement" were transitory. Fraternal Society Needed. Realizing this, sixteen men in New York, on Sept. 29, 1842, met and organized the Order of the Sons of Temperance, which for seventy-six years has been prominent in temperance work throughout the continent as well as on the other side. Some years later the Independent Order of Good Templars came into existence.

The Sons of Temperance reached New Brunswick in the year 1847, when Howard Division, No. 1, was organized at St. Stephen on March 8th of that year, York Division, No. 2, Fredericton; Wilberforce, No. 3, Milltown; Charlotte, No. 4, Gurney, No. 5, St. John; Chatham, No. 6, Portland, No. 7, St. John, No. 8, in the same year, and Sir Leonard Tilley was a member of the latter. The order then spread rapidly all over the province, Albert county being reached in 1849, when Albert Division was organized at Hillsboro. In 1850 Golden Rule Division of Hopewell Hill was organized, and is still in existence, after sixty-nine years of unbroken service. The charter members of this institution include Isaac Bacon, Charles H. Moore, Joseph Starratt, John Starratt, John R. Russell, Robert Newcomb, Isaac Stiles, Silas Stiles, Guilford R. Smith (Hart), Henry Bothick, John Turner, and many others, who kept up the temperance banner in this county three generations ago and whose names are still revered. The late Hon. A. R. McClellan, was also a staunch supporter of prohibition, when that ill-fated measure was entered in the '60's.

The Grand Division of New Brunswick was organized at St. Stephen on September 16, 1847, Alexander Campbell being the first Grand Worthy Patriarch. It was at the third session of the Grand Division on January, 1848, at Fredericton, that "S. L. Tilley" and "L. A. Wilmot" were initiated. In his first quarterly report, January 31, 1848, (according to the first Grand Division Journal, which is unfortunately lost to the writer's hands recently), the Grand Worthy Patriarch says in his opening paragraph—"Allow me to congratulate, not only our order, but the province at large, upon the degree of prosperity, which has attended this institution among us, the results of its progress, and the change which it has already effected in the public sentiment respecting temperance." After referring to the statistics of the order, the report makes the following reference to the question of a temperance organ for the publication of its news—"I have received several letters on the subject of a Sons of Temperance paper for New Brunswick which should be recognized as an organ, and which, I believe, has been for a long period the only exclusive temperance paper in the province. I have hitherto been using its columns. My belief is that we ought to extend our patronage upon that paper."

for the benefit of mankind, we remain in Love, Purity and Fidelity: A. Campbell, St. Stephen; Asa Coy, Fredericton; F. H. Todd, St. Stephen; J. H. Whitlock, St. Stephen; Wm. Todd, enlist, and in the army his record will

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be better than clear. In civil life he will encounter difficulties, perhaps insuperable and probably discouraging, in spite of his new ambitions, and many doors will be closed because of transgressions past and repented. The army, if it will take him, will give him exactly the opportunity he needs. There his good qualities will have full room for effective display, and there will be neither temptation nor compulsion to return to old ways.

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Circular to Temperance People. The present article will close with the following circular, issued to "the friends of temperance in the province of New Brunswick," and which has reference to the criticism that has to be met in these days. It shows well the character of the temperance men of those days, and carries names outstanding in the temperance history of this province: CIRCULAR. We, the undersigned, members of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of this province, deeply solicitous for the advancement of the great moral reformation, which our order is intended to effect, feel constrained to draw the attention of all friends of temperance and a consideration of the true character of our organization. Among the various charges made against us we select one, which alone appears from its nature and magnitude worthy of remark; that our movements are directed to the secret accomplishment of other ends than those for which we professed by labor, that we seem to compass a political as well as moral revolution. As a complete refutation of all statements of this character of our readers to the array of names which follow these observations. Examine them and pronounce your verdict. Guilty or not guilty. There they stand, Wing and Tory, Churchman and Dissenter, English, Irish, Scotch and American, united in one common cause, influenced by one common feeling, advocates of one broad expansive and expanding movement. We put the question is it likely that such elements would or could combine in a political or religious movement, bearing the impress of partisanship or sectarianism. If you can gather into one united mass, the two thousand men who have already enlisted in our province alone and add to them the 200,000 of the United States, and propose the question, and ask them upon their sacred honor as men to say whether there is not in our principles some concealed political or religious enterprise, that mighty band, with a steady voice, united as the voice of one, would utter a decided, truthful, emphatic, No! Praying that the Giver of all Good may continue to prosper our exertions

