

Mr. F. S. Spence presented from the Provincial Plebiscite Campaign Executive Committee the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

To the Ontario Provincial Prohibition Convention, Feb. '94

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The Plebiscite Campaign Executive Committee appointed at the Convention held in this city on October 3rd and 4th last, respectfully submit to you the following report of the work done and the results of the recent campaign.

ORGANIZATION.

Immediately after the Convention the committee met and organized. The Convention had appointed thirty-five members upon the committee. To these eleven were subsequently added. Dr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., was elected chairman, F. S. Spence, Secretary, and E. Coatsworth, M.P., treasurer. Thirteen meetings of this committee have been held up to date with an average attendance of over fifteen members.

A circular of instructions for general organization, embodying an appeal for immediate action and a form of constitution, was at once prepared and 10,000 copies of it issued. These were circulated broadcast among friends of the cause.

Letters were written to the persons appointed by the Convention as county organizers, and to leading workers in other places, giving suggestions of plans for central organization and work.

The work was taken hold of with enthusiasm and energy by prohibitionists of all classes in all parts of the Province. Seventy central committees were speedily formed for counties, ridings, and cities, with sub-committees in municipalities and wards. It was both surprising and satisfactory to find how promptly and thoroughly this organization was effected and the forces of the prohibition party got into line for the campaign.

PLATFORM WORK.

Never before in the history of our country were there held in the same time, so many and so enthusiastic prohibition gatherings. There was found to be available a great number of volunteer speakers, including leading citizens, and clergymen of nearly every denomination. It would be impossible to mention the names of a tithe of these earnest and effective workers, and it would be invidious to select the names of any. The platform staffs of the different temperance societies also rendered excellent service.