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ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE

DOMINION ALLIANCE

CITY HALL, OTTAWA,

Commencing at 10 a.m., Thursday, February 5th.

HON. A. VIDAL, PRESIDENT.

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS :

Opening.

Enrolment of Delegates.

Organization.

Reading of Minutes.

President's Address.

Report of Secretary.

Report of Treasurer.

Reports from Provinces.

Consideration of the following questions :

1. The Enforcement of the Scott Act.

2. Alliance Work.

3. Additional Legislation.

Unfinished Business.

New Business.

Election of Officers.

Closing.

—NOTES.—

Delegates are requested to register their names as soon as possible after their arrival.

The Convention will be adjourned on Thursday evening to allow the delegates to attend a mass meeting of the Dominion W.C.T.U., to be addressed by Miss F. E. Willard and others.

It is hoped that there will be full discussion on all matters submitted to the Convention. Speakers are requested to be as pointed and brief as possible.

N.B.—The Executive Committee will meet on Thursday at 9 a.m., at the City Hall.

THE DOMINION ALLIANCE.

This Organization as a whole comprises a Branch Alliance for each Province, and a Dominion Council made up of representatives from the Provincial Branches.

THE DOMINION COUNCIL.

Is composed of its own officers, the President, Secretaries, and Treasurers of the Provincial Branches, and Delegates chosen by each Provincial Branch in the following proportion: Ontario, 30; Quebec, 30; Nova Scotia, 15; New Brunswick, 15; Prince Edward Island, 5; Manitoba, 3; British Columbia, 2.

The Council meets annually for the transaction of necessary business—employs no paid agents, has no fees—collects no monies—and provides for its small printing expenses by an assessment on the Branches.

The duties of the Council are:

1. To endeavor to secure legislation by the Dominion Parliament in harmony with the principles and aims of the Alliance.
2. To take steps for the organization of Provincial Branches where none exist.
3. To carry on Alliance work in any Province where there is no Provincial Branch.
4. To secure and direct the co-operation of the various Provinces in general and interprovincial work.

THE DOMINION ALLIANCE

—FOR THE—

LEGAL SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

ONTARIO BRANCH.

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The President took the chair at ten o'clock. After the singing of the hymn, "Rock of Ages," prayer was offered by Rev. W. J. Young.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read a report from Mr. Thomas Hilliard, of Waterloo County, which was supplemented by a statement from the Rev. L. H. Wagner.

Rev. W. S. Griffin, of Guelph, being present and having to leave by an early train, was called upon for a statement in regard to the Guelph contest. Mr. Griffin stated that the Anties had arranged for a lecture by E. K. Dodds this evening, and he requested in the name of his committee that either Professor Foster or Mr. Spence should be allowed to leave the Convention, and go and reply to Dodds. Professor Foster being unable to go, it was decided to relieve Mr. Spence for the occasion.

Dr. Geikie then delivered an address on "Alcohol as a Cause of Disease." This address, which was illustrated with numerous diagrams, occupied the rest of the session.

On motion of Rev. A. Wallace, seconded by Senator Vidal, it was unanimously resolved, "That the best thanks of this Convention be tendered to Dr. Geikie for his admirable and instructive paper, with a recommendation that it be printed and published."

The meeting then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting opened with prayer led by Rev. Mr. Scott.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

•ON ORGANIZATION.

That whereas, The want of success in the few instances where we have failed to carry the Scott Act seems to have been largely owing to incomplete organization,
Resolved, That this body urge and would seek to promote the most thorough and efficient organization of our workers in every section.

ON SECRETARY'S ASSISTANT.

On this part of Secretary's Report,

Resolved, That this Annual Meeting heartily approve of the action of the executive in the employment of a clerk to assist in CITIZEN office work so as to allow the Secretary time for attending to Scott Act campaign work.

A telegram from the Rev. E. W. Sibbald, Belleville, urging the importance of a large proportion of electors be obtained to petitions before submitting to a vote was read by the President and referred to the Scott Act Agitation Committee.

Letters regretting the inability of the writers to be present, and expressing deep interest in the proceedings, were read by the President from Rev. Wm. McDonagh, Rev. D. V. Lucas, and Rev. J. C. Antliff.

Mr. W. H. Young read a paper upon

ENFORCEMENT OF SCOTT ACT,

after which the President stated that it was desirable to have all the addresses relating to this matter before entering upon a discussion.

Mr. J. J. McLaren then delivered an address upon the

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE SCOTT ACT,

and Mr. Wm. Houston an address upon

IMPROVEMENT OF THE LICENSE LAWS.

A communication on the same subject was handed in from Mr. James Thomson, Secretary of the Toronto Temperance Electoral Union, which was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Hon. A. Vidal then reported the result of the interview of the deputation appointed to wait upon the Government in regard to their relation to the Scott Act.