

Branch defined its position in reference to measures of a restrictive character, gladly accepting the same in so far as they are calculated to lessen the evils resulting from the liquor traffic, but recognizing them only as steps toward prohibition. The Branch further declared in favor of granting the ballot to women as a weapon of defence against the liquor traffic. It also called upon this Council to consider the institution of a Dominion Temperance Publishing House, from which would issue a paper to be the express exponent of the principles of the Alliance, and further to consider the propriety of introducing a prohibitory liquor law for the Dominion of Canada at as early date as possible.

QUEBEC.—The Quebec Branch of the Alliance has sustained a vigorous work during the year under the leadership of its aged and blind President, Mr. T. S. Brown. Early in the year a series of public meetings and conventions was held, resulting in the organization of ten county Alliances. The annual Alliance pic-nic, under the auspices of this Branch, held on the 1st of September, was a most successful gathering and produced a most favorable impression. The Executive of the Branch has been in constant communication with the Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy of the Roman Catholic Church, and whilst they do not in any large numbers join the Alliance they evidently approve of much of its work and are prepared to support aggressive action towards improved legislation.

A literature fund has been established, and a special fund commenced to enable the committee to offer prizes for essays on various temperance topics.

Petitions have been prepared and presented by influential deputations to the Government, but the Province derives \$250,000 revenue from licenses, and the Government turns a deaf ear to all propositions, that if adopted, would tend to diminish the revenue.

Temperance sermons were called for by the Quebec Branch in the month of December and were delivered in many pulpits.

The last annual meeting held in Montreal, January 20th, was the largest, most thoroughly representative earnest and harmonious meeting of the Alliance ever held in the Province of Quebec. The following epitome of a report on the "State of the Work" defines the views of the Branch:—Absolute dissent from the position taken by the Government of the Province of Quebec that the liquor traffic is to be regarded chiefly in reference to the revenue that it may yield. That the burden of labor should not be placed upon those who wish to restrict it. Absolute prohibition of the sale of liquor at public exhibitions, or parks and public grounds, on trains or vessels carrying excursion parties, in railway stations and to