

that something decisive must be done to rescue society from the flood of demoralization and crime which has emanated from the present lax and irrational system of granting Tavern licenses. Upon the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee, the Yeas and Nays were called for and taken: they are as follows:—

YEAS.—Burr, York; Burnside, Toronto City; Cesar, Chingacousey; Cathcart, Toronto City; R. and J. Campbell, Whitby; Crosby, Markham; Clark, Whitby; Dunbar, Pickering; Eastwood, Toronto City; Freeland, Toronto City; Graham, Vaughan; Gardiner, Chingacousey; Hawkins, Toronto Township; Holden, Markham; Jackes, York; Lawrence, York; Leslie, Toronto City; Monkman, Albion; Pearson, King; Perrin, Toronto City; Sanderson, Chingacousey; Scobie, Toronto City; Silverthorn, Toronto Township; Spears, Whitby; White, Markham; Wideman, Whitchurch; Wilson, York—28.

NAYS.—Baldwin, Gore of Toronto; Cook, Cooksville; Crew, Toronto Township; Colton, Toronto Township; Dickson, Toronto City; Dennison, York; Grubb, Etobicoke; J. G. Howard, Toronto; Kent, Chingacousey; Marr, Markham; Odill, Gore of Toronto; Reeves, Toronto Township; Switzer, Toronto Township; Taylor, York; Thompson, Toronto Township—15.

No class in the community is so capable of judging of the dread calamities which rest upon the country by the facilities afforded for the retailing of intoxicating drinks, as the local Magistracy; and we congratulate the friends of sobriety and order that the Bench of this District has had the honour of taking the initiative in suggesting a thorough remedy by recommending to Parliament the necessity and importance of rescuing our public Inns from this desolating curse.

The friends of temperance everywhere should second this effort by getting up petitions of similar import to the Legislature.

#### QUARTER SESSIONS—COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The select committee to whom the propriety of petitioning the Legislature for an amendment of the present law as to the licensing of inns or taverns, beg to submit their report:

1st.—That in order to the erection of some barrier to the establishment of unnecessary and improper houses of public entertainment, and to the progress of immorality and crime, no licenses should be granted but at one period of the year, when the Magistrates generally throughout the District might be expected to be in Session.

2nd.—That the names of all Magistrates signing applications for tavern licenses, shall be published when the ordinary list of licensed houses shall be published by the Clerk of the Peace.

3rd.—That while your Committee have suggested the foregoing change as a means of lessening the enormous evils arising from the retailing of intoxicating drinks in licensed houses of entertainment, they would nevertheless earnestly urge upon the consideration of the Bench and the Legislature the necessity and importance of adopting the more salutary principle, that no houses should be licensed as inns, within the Province, where intoxicating drinks are sold.

(Signed) ALEX. BURNSIDE, *Chairman*,

Toronto, 21st Dec., 1848.

The report having been received, the consideration of it was postponed till Friday, 5th January, 1849, for which day the whole of the magistrates of the District were specially summoned to be present. The Clerk of the Peace was directed to transmit to each of the magistrates a copy of the foregoing Report, with a notice to attend the adjourned Sessions on the day fixed.

#### *Regulations to be observed by innkeepers in the Home District, for the year 1849, on pain of forfeiting their Licenses.*

FIRST.—In all licensed houses of public entertainment within the district, the bar or tap-room to be kept shut during the whole of the Lord's Day, Christmas and Good Friday, and on no account to be opened except in case of extreme necessity, or to give refreshments to persons lawfully travelling; nor is any spirituous liquor to be sold or suffered to be drunk otherwise, on the premise, on those days.

SECOND.—The licensing of inns is to be regarded solely for the convenience and accommodation of parties lawfully travelling, and every innkeeper is especially enjoined to prevent drinking or tipping at his inn, and to prevent playing at any unlawful games. Any innkeeper who suffers conduct inconsistent with the spirit of this order, to be carried on at his inn or on the premises pertaining thereto, and under his control, shall, upon the same being represented to the Magistrates, subject himself to a forfeiture of his license.

THIRD.—That each innkeeper be required to place, and keep in some conspicuous place in his bar-room a copy of the foregoing resolutions, and also a copy of the Act of Parliament, entitled, "An Act to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, in Upper Canada," so as to afford all persons frequenting his inn an easy and convenient opportunity of reading them, and becoming acquainted with their contents.

And it is further ordered, that in addition to the above, a certificate of loyalty is required from all applicants for licenses; such certificate to be in the form prescribed by law.

By order, GEORGE GURNETT.

Clerk of the Peace, H. D.

Office of the Clerk of the Peace, H. D.,  
Toronto, 20th Dec., 1848.

RECHABITES.—We understand that a Rechabite Tent has been established at the West village in Hatley, which numbers about sixty members. The principles of this society, we are told, bind its members to drink no wine or strong drink, and not to traffic in intoxicating liquors. We believe it is a benefit society, a fund being created, to assist the members in sickness, &c. From what we have read and heard of these societies, we are of the opinion that they are instrumental in doing good, especially in preventing the evils of intemperance. The reformation produced in Hatley through this instrumentality, is represented as very great, many hard drinkers having been entirely reformed, and the sale of spirits in the West village almost entirely stopped.—*Sherbrooke Gazette*.