

with a resolution passed by the Alliance at its last meeting. On March 5th, Professor Foster moved

"That the object of good government is to promote the general welfare of the people by a careful encouragement and protection of whatever makes for the public good, and by an equally careful discouragement and suppression of whatever tends to the public disadvantage.

That the traffic in alcoholic liquors as beverages is productive of serious injury to the moral, social and industrial welfare of the people of Canada.

That despite all preceding legislation, the evils of intemperance remain so vast in magnitude, so wide in extent, and so destructive in effect, as to constitute a social peril and a national menace.

That this House is of the opinion, for the reasons hereinafter set forth, that the right and most effectual legislative remedy for these evils is to be found in the enactment and enforcement of a law prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.

These resolutions were seconded by Mr. Fisher, and supported by other members.

On March 26th, Mr. White (Cardwell,) moved the following amendment:—

"And this House is prepared, so soon as public opinion will sufficiently sustain stringent measures, to promote such legislation, so far as the same is within the competency of the Parliament of Canada."

This amendment was accepted.

Mr. Robertson (Shelburne,) moved the addition of the following:—

"And that this House is of opinion that the public sentiment of the people of Canada calls for immediate legislation to that end."

The amendment was negatived on a division—Yeas, 55; Nays, 107.

The original resolutions with the first amendment were carried on a division—Yeas, 122; Nays, 40.

THE PUBLICATION OF THE ALLIANCE YEAR BOOK

was delayed until near the end of the year, it being found inconvenient for special reasons to have it issued earlier. The full report of the debate in the House of Commons was then added to other matter usually printed, and the whole forms a document of permanent interest and value.

THE LIQUOR PARTY ISSUED PETITIONS

in the former part of the present winter, and circulated them widely for signatures, praying the Dominion Parliament to so alter the Scott Act that its benefits could only be secured by counties and cities giving a three-fifths vote in its favor. It was also learned that movements were in progress with the object of attempting to have other mutilations of the Act made at the forthcoming session of Parliament. A meeting of the Alliance Executive was at once held in Toronto, and it was unanimously decided to at once get up and present to Parliament a petition praying that the Scott Act be not in any way impaired, and also asking for a law of total prohibition. This was done and petitions sent out to all the provinces for signatures. Many of these have already been laid before the Houses of Parliament, many are now in the office of your Secretary, and others are coming to hand in large numbers every day. This petition movement promises to be a great success.

REPORTS FROM THE PROVINCES

have not yet been received by your Secretary but it is expected that they will be laid before this meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. S. SPENCE, Secretary.