

upon that occasion voted against fairness and common sense. We feel thankful that only five votes could be secured by the anti-justice party. It is well known that the liquor interest dreads the advent of women's suffrage, in the certain knowledge that women will rid us of the curse of the drink-traffic as soon as the ballot is placed in their hands, and we do not wonder that those who live by this unholy business should oppose what is certain to lead to its overthrow. Two of the five opposers of the resolution are brewers, one is an hotel-keeper, and they did as might have been expected; but we were not quite prepared for the action of the other aldermen who voted with them. We are sorry that any citizen outside the liquor-traffic should have so far forgotten what is due to society and right. One of the aldermen referred to was looked upon some time ago as a temperance advocate. He took public part in a temperance meeting, and, strange to say, since then, in alliance with the other party he has assisted to burke the bill to separate the sale of liquor from that of groceries, and now votes against a resolution in favor of giving women a power that he knows they would use in the interests of morality for the abolition of the money-making iniquity that supports his new allies. We earnestly hope that both of the gentlemen will see the mistake they have made in associating themselves with the liquor-party in a vain effort to retard the progress that society is steadily and certainly making towards the utter demolition of all institutions whose existence means the debasement of the community for the enrichment of a few.

The day is fast approaching in which the whole liquor influence will not be strong enough to keep the franchise from women, and enfranchised women will then be strong enough to put out of power the whole liquor influence.

### THE CITIZEN PUBLISHING CO.

#### GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS—EVENING SOCIAL—A GOOD TIME.

According to announcement, a meeting of the shareholders of this company was held at the office, 8 King Street East, Toronto, on the 1st inst. The President occupied the chair. The success and prospects of the company were stated to be exceedingly encouraging. The subscription list is increasing very rapidly, and advertising patronage as well. All present were much gratified at the progress that has been made. A by-law was unanimously adopted, authorizing the directors to raise money on the company's behalf in anticipation of payments upon subscribed stock. The meeting then adjourned.

In the evening a tea-meeting was held at Shaftesbury Hall in the rooms of the Coffee House Association.

Among those present were Mr. Joseph Tait, President of the Company; Mr. T. Bengough, Vice-President; F. S. Spence, Manager; Rev. Messrs. J. M. Cameron, East End Presbyterian Church; H. D. Powis, Zion Congregational; P. McLeod, Centre Presbyterian; T. Sims, Primitive Methodist; Dyson Hague, St. James' Cathedral; Messrs. R. Snelling, LL.D.; P. H. Bryce, M. A., M. D., Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health; Mr. Wardell, President of the Temperance Reformation Society; W. J. Bird, Chaplain of the West End Temperance Society; R. J. Fleming, President of the East End C. T. S.; J. Impey; L. S. Elphick; Mrs. D. McEwan, President C. W. S. A., and many others.

After a tea that did credit to the Coffee House, letters of apology for absence were read from Sir L. Tilley, W. H. Howland, Wm. Harty and many others. Mr. Howland's letter strongly endorsed the company's enterprise, and hoped the meeting would subscribe at least two thousand dollars of stock for its support. If this was done he would subscribe one hundred dollars of the amount in addition to the stock he already held.

The Chairman called upon the Rev. P. McF. McLeod, who referred to the success of the Coffee House movement as a financial investment, and expressed the conviction that the enterprise which was being carried on by the CITIZEN PUBLISHING COMPANY would be equally successful. There was great need for the work, and he hoped that all necessary aid would be given in carrying it forward. He expressed a desire that the paper would be on a broad financial basis, and that it should be conducted on broad temperance principles, appealing not simply to prohibitionists but to temperance men of all grades, classes and creeds. It should be made a first class family paper: he was greatly gratified with the manner in

which it was got up at present, and in the respects which he had mentioned it was a model. He thought the Editor, Mr. Spence, deserved great credit for the make-up of the paper.

The President then asked the Vice-President to give details of the scheme. Mr. Bengough outlined the history of the movement for establishing a temperance newspaper and publishing house for the Dominion. The paper now in its third volume was started in the midst of opposition and in spite of the protests of temperance men who said that nothing in the form of a temperance paper could be made to pay. It is a fact that in this city of Toronto there had lived and died about twenty-five temperance newspapers. Those who were opposed to the present undertaking pointed to this fact, and predicted failure because of the former failures, reasoning that where twenty-five had failed the twenty-sixth could not be a success. The speaker differed most emphatically from this view of the case as did also the other promoters of THE CITIZEN. The fact that so many papers had lived and done their work was an argument in favor of the sustenance of a paper at this time, for during the past half century there had been a marvellous progress of temperance sentiment in this country. Moreover there had not been a paper among all those referred to, with the exception perhaps of one, which had been started as a proper business paper. They were generally originated and carried on by enthusiastic temperance men, whose fund of enthusiasm was far in excess of their financial capital and who succumbed to fate within a short period after their first issue. In the present instance, however, the basis of operation was entirely different. The CITIZEN COMPANY has obtained from the Ontario Legislature a charter authorising a stock of \$10,000. The payments of stock extend over a long period, the first payment being 10 per cent. on the amount subscribed by each individual shareholder, and the subsequent payments 5 per cent. per month; thus temperance men in all parts of the Dominion can take stock.

There is no one so poor as to be unable to take at least one share, which involves a payment only of one dollar on allotment and fifty cents per month. A weekly newspaper was not the only feature of importance in the scheme; a matter of great importance was the publishing department and book-room for the supply of temperance literature to all temperance advocates and societies throughout the Dominion. At present there was no temperance publishing house in the Dominion, with the exception of that of John Dougall & Sons, in Montreal, which has been a financial success. There was urgent need for a publishing house and supply depot, as supplies at present were largely purchased from New York. The scheme had been presented to the Dominion Alliance at its council meeting in February last, endorsed by them, and in one day in Ottawa immediately after the meeting of the Alliance stock had been subscribed to the extent of seven hundred dollars, the President of the Alliance leading the list with ten shares. The movement is national, and so broad in its principles as to include in its list of shareholders men of both political parties and of all creeds and shades of opinion on the temperance question. The paper itself the speaker believed to be the neatest, cleanest, and best temperance journal ever published in Canada, and he was acquainted with a large number. This paper had come to stay, and he had every confidence that the scheme would be successfully worked out.

MR. F. S. SPENCE, Manager of the Company, was then called upon, and said that he had become interested in the company as a shareholder in its early days, that he had done so in order to help the enterprise, but that he had looked upon the amount of his stock subscription as a donation; his opinion, however, had been very much changed, and he now looked upon it as a substantial and sound investment. The change had come from actual experience in the working of the Company. In July last he had entered upon his duties as manager, and every week had shown signs of substantial improvement and progress. Last week there came in subscriptions to the paper to the number of over sixty, and this week the number would be increased. He showed from figures that with a subscribed capital of \$7,000 and a circulation of 4000 the paper could pay a handsome profit. This was irrespective of the publication and book sales departments.

The REV. J. M. CAMERON said that as a subscriber to THE CANADA CITIZEN he had great pleasure in giving expression to his views, and wished the enterprise God speed. He especially admired the make-up of the paper, it was clean and artistic typographically, which was a point of great importance in a paper visiting families from week to week. He thought that temperance men should unite in the suppression of unlicensed houses, and should