

Congregational

The Annual Convention of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec adopted a report containing the following declaration:

In view of the widespread and prevailing evils resulting from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and of the fact that the traffic is a deadly enemy of the home, the church and the State, and the greatest hindrance to the cause of Christ.

Resolved, That we re-affirm our conviction that total prohibition of the liquor traffic for beverage purposes is the goal at which we should aim in temperance work. That we strongly endorse and urge our people to aid the efforts being made by the Dominion Alliance, and kindred organizations looking to the abolition of the destructive traffic.

Baptist

The Baptist Union of the Province of Ontario and Quebec adopted a report in which were embodied the following resolutions:

We re-assert our conviction that the liquor traffic is the greatest evil of our time, and that the prohibition of its sale and use would be a greater boon to our country than the triumph of either political party, or any of the issues they now champion.

Our great hope in seeking to secure prohibition of the liquor traffic is in training sentiment so that its paramount importance may be so clearly realized that only those who are of a character to be worthy to be associated with such reform and may be trusted to support it, shall receive the votes of temperance men.

In the meantime we believe the most should be made of the highest forms of Local Option legislation we now have or may be able to secure.

Roman Catholic

Catholic Councils in different parts of the world have deeply declared and earnestly denounced the evils of intemperance, and many eminent divines have condemned the liquor traffic in scathing terms. The subjoined paragraphs are taken from statements respectively made by His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, and Archbishop John Ireland:

I impeach the liquor traffic of high crimes and misdemeanors against the commonwealth, and I ask you, in the name of common sense and common justice, can you withhold from those entrusted with the high responsibility of the ballot the power of applying their votes in the form of a veto when it is proposed, without consulting them, to put in the midst of them these places for the sale of intoxicating drinks?

We thought we meant business years ago in this warfare, but I hope God will forgive us for our weakness, for we went into the battlefield without sufficient resolution. We labored under the fatal mistake that we could argue out the question with the rum-sellers. We imagined that there was some power in moral suasion, that when we would show them the evil of their ways they would abandon the traffic. We have seen that there is no hope of improving in any shape or form the liquor traffic. There is nothing now to be done but to wipe it out completely.