

RAW RECRUITS

(SELECTED).

General Taylor marched his soldiers into old-time Mexico,
 Scarce an army one to every five enrolled among the foe,
 One to five—and they were veterans: Taylor's only raw recruits,
 Down came Santa Anna, chuckling, "Five to one exactly suits."
 Picked his place and joined in battle: hot and hotter grew the fray;
 Taylor saw their skill and numbers, pressing on to win the day.
 Came an aide with troubled features, "General we are whipped," he cried,
 "Santa Anna's veteran soldiers beating us on every side."
 "Yes, I know it," spoke the General. Then his voice mischievous grew;
 "But the raw recruits don't know it. Wait and see what they will do."
 "Never saw such stupid fellows," Santa Ana growled that night,
 "Seven times I had them conquered, but they would go on and fight.
Mil demonios! What's the use of fighting such a stupid foe?
 Seven times I fairly whipped them, but they never seemed to know.
 Kept on fighting, kept on fighting, till at last they conquered me;
 'Spite of discipline and numbers. I am fairly forced to flee."
 God be thanked for veteran wisdom. Discipline bears noble fruits,
 But if we have neither, Templars, we can still be raw recruits.
 In the fight for prohibition, which confronts us all to-day,
 There is room for every gift, but ignorance may pay.
 "Who's afraid of prohibition? Why, they're only raw recruits,"
 Laugh the veteran politicians, clever in their selfish routes.
 "Few in numbers, poor in money, weak in everything but zeal;
 Ignorant as babes of statecraft, or the wants the rabble feel.
 Don't know how to pack conventions; don't know how to form a ring;
 Can't control a single office. How can they do anything?"
 Well, we're greenhorns. What about it? (Never our veterans now).
 Helpless? We're too dull to see it. Strike our flag? We don't know how;
 Whipped in battle after battle. Forward! is our sole command.
 Keep on fighting? That's the only part of war we understand.
 Like the Scottish drummer boy, "We hae na learned to sound retreat;"
 Waterloo, as we remember, must be reckoned a defeat.
 God be thanked we have our veterans, wise as all our institutes,
 But Britain's hope must centre ever around the raw recruits.

PROHIBITION CLUBS.

We give herewith the principal clauses of the Constitution of the Prohibition Club recently formed in this province. Further information can be had of Rev. T. Haddon the Secretary, at New Westminster:

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

Sec. 1. That it is neither right nor politic for the State to afford legal protec-

tion and sanction to any traffic or system that tends to increase crime, to waste the national resources, to corrupt the social habits, and to destroy the health and lives of the people.

Sec. 2. That the traffic in intoxicating beverages is hostile to the true interests of individuals, and destructive to the order and welfare of society, and ought therefore to be prohibited.

Sec. 3. That the history and result of all past legislation in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors abundantly prove that it is impossible satisfactorily to limit or regulate a traffic so essentially mischievous in its tendencies.

Sec. 4. That no consideration of private gain or public revenue can justify the upholding of a system so utterly wrong in principle, suicidal in policy, and disastrous in results, as the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Sec. 5. That the total prohibition of the liquor traffic is in perfect harmony with the principles of justice and liberty, is not restrictive of legitimate commerce, and is essential to the integrity and stability of government and the welfare of the community.

Sec. 6. That rising above sectarian and party considerations, all citizens should combine to procure an enactment prohibiting the manufacture importation and sale of intoxicating beverages as affording most efficient aid in removing the appalling evils of intemperance.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Prohibition Club of British Columbia.

ORGANIZATION OF LOCAL CLUBS.

The executive officers of the Provincial Association or any Deputies they may appoint, shall have power to organize local clubs in every possible locality of this province.

OBJECTS OF CLUBS.

The object of each club shall be to unite and consolidate the *temperance vote* of this province for independent, political action in the suppression of the liquor traffic, and to make this question an issue in all Provincial and Dominion elections.

MEMBERSHIP IN LOCAL CLUBS.

Eligibility.—Persons of good moral character who reside or vote in the municipality shall be eligible for membership in local clubs.

Election.—Persons desiring to join the local clubs may be proposed at any regular meeting, and a majority vote shall be necessary at the next meeting to elect them.

THE PLEDGE.

I solemnly promise that I will not give my vote or influence to any candidate for parliamentary honors who has not pledged himself to the complete suppression of the liquor traffic, unless he signs the candidate's pledge of Advanced Prohibitionists, and I further promise to support the party making prohibition the supreme issue.

REPRESENTATION.

One representative and one person of every 50 members shall be elected to the annual meeting by each local club, and the presidents of local clubs shall be ex-officio members of the Provincial Club and allowed to vote at the annual meeting.

MEETINGS.

The first annual meeting of the Club shall be fixed by the Executive, and the first annual meeting shall decide the date of future meetings.

Other meetings will be held at the call

of the Executive Committee or by the President on a requisition from five members.

Five members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

If, at the annual meeting of the club, there are not present sufficient members to form a quorum, then the next meeting at which there are present enough members to form a quorum, shall be considered the annual meeting.

DOMINION CANDIDATE'S PLEDGE.

I of the of in the electoral district of am in favor of the immediate total prohibition of the liquor traffic, and if elected to the House of Commons I pledge myself to introduce, or see that there be introduced at the earliest opportunity, a resolution committing the Parliament to a prohibitory law.

PROVINCIAL CANDIDATE'S PLEDGE.

I am in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic, and if elected to the Provincial Legislature, shall do all in my power towards the restriction and final suppression of that traffic.

LAID TO REST.

The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas George Rowling, son of Mr. W. H. Rowling, of South Vancouver, took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of the father of the deceased to the city cemetery. The Rev. A. E. Green, Methodist minister at the North Arm, officiated, and the attendance was very large, the procession being nearly half a mile in length. —*News-Advertiser*.

Mr. Rowling was for several years a prominent member of Golden Lodge, and C. T. at the time the charter was surrendered. The B. C. GOOD TEMPLAR begs to extend its sympathy to the family in their hour of bereavement.

We cut the following from the letter of the R. W. G. Secretary:

"Call for the November Mission Collections will be issued soon. It is hoped that every Grand Secretary will this year interest himself in bringing to the attention of his members the importance of giving something to this worthy object. Five cents from each member of the order would give the management a magnificent sum with which to spread our noble Order. Brethren, wake up on this important question, and do something worthy of the cause."

Will British Columbia do something worthy of the cause?

We desire to impress upon correspondents the necessity of condensing their communications. Lodge reports should not contain over 150 words, and letters should be made as short as is consistent with the subject under review, otherwise correspondents may find their communications considerably curtailed.