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Kindly examine this paper carefully. You will need it in the Plebiscite Campaign. Every number ought to be kept for reference. Nowhere else can you get so much of fresh fact and sound argument. Every statement may be relied upon.

The Plebiscite Bill received its third reading in the House of Commons on Wednesday, May 25th.

ORGANIZATION FOR THE PLEBISCITE CAMPAIGN.

In every province of Canada steps have been taken toward a thorough organization of the electorate for the Plebiscite Campaign. Provincial organizations, however, can only advise and assist the local workers, upon whom must fall the responsibility and work of the campaign. We are pleased to learn of the enthusiastic response that is being made to the call to arms.

Every locality must have its committee to superintend details, and the local committees must be aided and counselled by county or district organizations, which in turn will receive help and instruction from the central provincial body.

No time should be lost before beginning work. If there is no organization in your neighborhood, take steps to have one formed immediately. If you are in doubt as to plans or methods, write at once to your provincial secretary who will give you all needful information.

Until further arrangement and announcement, correspondence about such work should be sent to the addresses given below:—

NOVA SCOTIA.

W. J. Saunders, Halifax.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Rev. Geo. W. Fisher, Fairville.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

J. E. Matthews, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC.

J. H. Carson, Montreal.

ONTARIO.

F. S. Spence, Toronto.

MANITOBA.

Rev. J. M. A. Spence, Winnipeg.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Rev. J. C. Speers, Victoria.

SPEAKERS.

Among the earnest and able workers who can spare some time for platform and organization work during the coming campaign, are the following:— Rev. D. V. Lucas, Grimsby; Miss Lillian M. Phelps, St. Catharines; Dr. G. B. McIntosh, Simcoe; John R. Long, Hamilton; R. W. Dillon, London; Rev. S. F. Dixon, Cannifton; Dr. J. Ross, Embro; John A. Nicholls, 718½ Craig St., Montreal; Courtney Fessy, 350 Yonge St., Toronto; W. Huckle, 81 King St. E., Toronto.

Organizations desiring the help of any of these speakers should write to them direct.

ONTARIO PROVINCE.

Is Getting Ready Fast.

The Executive Committee of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance is pushing organization rapidly. Much work is done by correspondence. Mr. D. Marshall is giving his full term to campaigning. Some details are submitted.

Peel.

A very fine convention held at Brampton on May 12th formed a plebiscite organization for Peel County. About a hundred delegates were present. F. S. Spence, represented the Dominion Alliance. The meeting was deeply in earnest. J. B. Bull was elected President and Rev. J. J. Redditt, Secretary. Other officers were also chosen and convenors appointed for all the municipalities in the county.

Dufferin.

Dufferin County was organized at Shelburne on May 16th. There was a big meeting of earnest workers. All are resolved to put up the best possible fight. Geo. Dodds, of Prinrose was elected President and Rev. E. A. Neilly, of Hornings Mills, Secretary. Working committees were formed. Arrangements were made for detailed organization. A sum of \$140.00 was appropriated for literature.

North Grey.

A convention on North Grey was held on May 18th at Owen Sound. Two hundred delegates were present. Wm. Howey, of Owen Sound was chosen for County President and A. L. McIntyre, for Secretary. Organizers were appointed for local municipalities as well as a strong central executive. Mr. Marshall's help was much appreciated. A rousing mass meeting was held at night.

North Bruce.

The organization of North Bruce was effected at Chesley on May 19th. The work was taken hold of by the best men in the county. Mr. Duncan Marshall, Alliance Organizer assisted. A full staff of officers and convenors was chosen. W. D. Bell, Chesley is President, and C. J. Mickle, Secretary. The outlook is very good.

West Bruce.

Mr. D. Marshall completed a capital organization for this Riding at Kincardine on May 20th. Over 150 delegates took part in the convention. The President is Wm. Henderson, of Bervie, and the Secretary is Edward Dawson, of Kincardine. A mass meeting held in the evening was very enthusiastic. Prospects are bright.

South Grey.

A convention at Durham on May 23rd effected a thorough organization for South Grey. J. H. Brown and Rev. J. W. Kitching, of Durham are President and Secretary respectively. At the close of the convention a rousing mass meeting was addressed by Mr. Marshall. Convenors were appointed for ten municipalities.

Announcements

North York will organize at Newmarket on June 1st. The call is signed by J. M. Walton and J. S. Green. N. W. Rowell will speak in the evening.

East Huron convention will meet at Brussels on June 15th. Rev. S. J. Allen is Chairman and W. H. Kerr Secretary, of Provisional Committee.

East Bruce electors will meet at Walkerton on June 13th. A call has been issued on behalf of a union of workers, signed by Rev. J. A. Banton and Miss May Royce.

North Wellington holds a convention at Arthur on June 14th in response to the call of a provisional committee of which Rev. A. W. Tonge is Chairman and Rev. J. J. Paterson, Secretary.

North Perth will be organized at Milverton on June 18th, and South Perth at St. Marys on 17th. A strong committee has charge of details in each District.

East Grey prohibitionists have arranged a District organizing convention, to be held at Meaford on June 24th. Rev. E. S. Walker and A. A. Jordan have been appointed to issue the call.

QUEBEC PROVINCE.

The Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance is working earnestly and persistently to secure a thorough county organization. A mass meeting was held in Montreal to open the campaign. It was addressed by many strong speakers representing different church and temperance society interests. All were enthusiastic and united.

A deputation from the Alliance recently waited upon the Catholic Archbishop of Montreal to ask for his co-operation in the fight. His Grace stated that he would consult his clergy upon the question.

A good many District meetings, presbyteries and other church bodies have recently made strong deliveries, calling upon the membership of their respective bodies to take hold vigorously in the campaign against strong drink, doing their best to secure a victory for prohibition in the coming contest.

An immense mass meeting crowded the Lennoxville Methodist Church on the evening of May 18th to inaugurate the prohibition fight in that section of the Province. Rev. Mr. Reid, of Lennoxville, occupied the chair, and speeches were made by Rev. Dr. Williams, of Sherbrooke; Rev. Mr. Sparling, of Quebec; W. H. Lambly, of Inverness; Rev. Mr. Robinson, of Danville, and Rev. Mr. Ellis, of Sawyerville.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The strong temperance sentiment of New Brunswick is certain to ensure a big majority for prohibition in the coming vote.

The friends of the cause however, will not fail to do all possible work to make the victory as overwhelming as possible. The management of the campaign has been entrusted to a strong Provincial Executive of which the President is Rev. J. McLeod, D.D. of Fredericton and the Secretary, Rev. G. W. Fisher of Fairville.

At the session of the semi-annual session of the Sons of Temperance Grand Division, held at Richibucto on May 11th and 12th, a great deal of attention was given to the preparation for the coming campaign.

At the close of a public temperance on the evening of the 12th inst, a strong organization was formed to carry on campaign work in Kent County. G. M. Clark of Kingston was appointed President, and John B. Robinson, Secretary. Vice-Presidents will be appointed for each parish in the county and work will be vigorously pushed.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Prince Edward Island Legislature has had before it a Bill for the regulation of the liquor traffic in Charlottetown, which is the only part of the province in which the Scott Act is not in force. The measure was practically a license law.

The Charlottetown Alliance made a strong protest and the feeling against the idea of license was shown to be so strong that the Bill was dropped.

Workers of all sections and names are now uniting in a campaign to win a big victory from the plebiscite, and will defer the question of local legislation until the other battle is over.

THE TRAIL OF THE SERPENT.

A FEW RECENT OCCURENCES IN OUR COUNTY.

On the evening of Thursday, May 20th, a police officer saw a man staggering on one of the docks in Montreal in a state of intoxication. Next morning he was found by a boatman lying partly in the water, dead, with the back of his head split open.

Four young men obtained liquor on a recent Sunday at a hotel close to Toronto and went rowing on the lake when not able to take care of themselves. The boat was upset and one of them was drowned. In cases like this the evil is frequently strikingly manifest. Many similar accidents occur, the real cause of which is carefully concealed.

There was an ugly quarrel at Smith's Falls, Ont. on May 10th, in which a man was severely injured, being stabbed some seven or eight times, receiving serious wounds. His assailant was drunk.

"Forward" the organ of the Sons of Temperance in New Brunswick, calls attention to the persistent law violation in the city of Halifax. In Nova Scotia liquor may not be drunk in the bar-rooms in which it is sold. This law is utterly disregarded and "Forward" forcibly accuses the liquor officials and the police with conniving at this lawlessness and doing nothing to have the regulation enforced.

A fearful catastrophe occurred at the town of Newmarket on the evening of Saturday, April 30th. Two young married women came to the town and visited several taverns in company with a couple of young men with whom they afterwards went recklessly driving in a wagon. Crossing a railway track close to the town, the conveyance was suddenly struck by a passing train and all four instantly killed. A little girl, daughter of one of the women, who was also in the wagon, escaped almost unhurt.

On Saturday, April 30th, the body of an elderly man, who was known to have been drinking hard, was found in the manger of a hotel stable at Camden, Ont. It is supposed that he had fallen in while drunk, and was smothered.

Arthur Gignac was killed in a drunken quarrel at Madoc, P.Q., a few weeks ago, and two men are now under arrest charged with killing him. The liquor-dealer who made money out of the debauch is of course authorized by law to sell the drink which really caused the crime.

BAPTISTS SOUND

The Baptist Union for Ontario and Quebec held in May its annual convention for 1898. The plebiscite question was discussed and the following resolution adopted:—

"Whereas, the Dominion Government has introduced a measure for the purpose of taking a vote on the question of the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic liquors, and whereas we, as a denomination, have always expressed ourselves as strongly in favor of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic liquors, therefore be it resolved that we earnestly urge and recommend all members of our churches to actively enter upon the campaign and endeavor in every way to secure as large a majority as possible in favor of Prohibition."