

# THE CANADA CITIZEN

AND TEMPERANCE HERALD

Freedom for the Right Means Suppression of the Wrong.

VOL. 4.

TORONTO, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1884.

NO. 32

## The Canada Citizen

AND TEMPERANCE HERALD.

A Journal devoted to the advocacy of Prohibition, and the promotion of social progress and moral Reform.

Published Every Friday by the

**CITIZEN PUBLISHING COMPANY.**

Office, 8 King Street East, Toronto.

Subscription, ONE DOLLAR A YEAR, strictly in advance.

### CLUB RATES.

The Canada Citizen is published at an exceedingly low figure, but as some of our friends have asked for Special Club Rates, we make the following offer:—We will supply

5 copies .....	one year for \$4 00.
12 " .....	" " 9 00.
20 " .....	" " 14 00.

Subscribers will oblige by informing us at once of any irregularities in delivery.

Subscriptions may commence at any time. Back numbers of the present volume can be supplied.

Agents Wanted Everywhere.

All communications should be addressed to

F. S. SPENCE. - - - MANAGER.

TORONTO, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1884.

## THE DOMINION ALLIANCE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT, FEBRUARY, 1884.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Council of the Alliance, held at Ottawa, on January 31st and February 1st, a resolution was adopted in favor of an immediate agitation for the adoption of the Scott Act in every county of the Dominion in which such action has not already been taken.

This course was decided upon for the purpose of (1) Securing in every part of the Dominion the thorough discussion of the temperance question that invariably proves a powerful means of developing and stimulating public sentiment in favor of sorely needed reform, (2) Securing a substantial expression of the strong feeling that undoubtedly exists against the whole liquor system—this would be practically a demand for total prohibition that Parliament would be obliged to recognize, (3) Securing immediately the extension, over as much territory as possible, of the operation of the Scott Act, which already in some places has produced incalculable good, greatly diminishing the evils of intemperance.

At the same meeting a deputation was appointed to wait upon the Dominion, and urge the desirability of providing for the simultaneous polling of the different counties that may petition for the submission of the Act.

In view of the above detailed action the executive of the Alliance earnestly requests all friends of the temperance movement in every part of the Dominion to at once set to work unitedly, determinedly and vigorously for the circulation in their respective localities of petitions praying for the submission of the said Act. The time is opportune; the necessity for some check to the terrible ravages of drink is daily becoming more manifest and imperative; and the loyal workers who have hitherto upheld the cause so nobly and unflinchingly are earnestly called upon to rally again, in support of this movement. It has been decided upon, after mature deliberation, as the only hopeful course now open, and the most certain to secure real progress towards total prohibition. Further information, directions for procedure, forms of petitions for signature, etc., may be procured from the secretaries of the Provincial Branches of the Alliance, who are as follows:

Ontario, F. S. Spence, 8 King Street east.

Quebec, Rev. D. V. Lucas, Point St. Charles, Montreal.

New Brunswick, C. H. Lugin, Fredericton.

Nova Scotia, P. Monaghan, P. O. Box 379, Halifax.

Prince Edward Island, Geo. W. Hodgson, Charlottetown.

Manitoba, J. A. Tees, Winnipeg.

British Columbia, J. B. Kennedy, New Westminster.

It is expected that during the present Session of Parliament there will be introduced in the House of Commons a resolution in favor of total prohibition, and it is requested that electors everywhere will urge upon their respective representatives their duty to give it a cordial support.

Signed on behalf of the Dominion Council.

A. Vidal, President.

J. R. Dougall, Chairman of Executive.

F. S. Spence, Secretary.

### GROCERS' LICENSES.

There need be no doubt whatever as to the character of the action of the Toronto City Council last Monday night. The aldermen knew, as well as they will know after the vote has been taken, that public opinion is strong—overwhelming—against the grocery-license system. Alderman Moore clearly and forcibly showed, that voting for the amendment that was carried, was simply voting against his motion. If this was done for the purpose of shirking the responsibility of pronouncing squarely upon the question, the action was not a manly one, if it was done for the purpose of delaying action so that the proposed by-law would not come into force this year, then it was an unworthy trick, performed for the benefit of the liquor-selling interest. The day for voting has been fixed three weeks ahead, but only four days short of the last moment that action can be taken. The resolution first adopted by the Council, stated that action was to be taken *forthwith*, the deputation did not imagine that "forthwith" meant three weeks hence. In fact, a prominent member of the Council—one who supported the amendment—assured a member of the deputation, that arrangements would be made, to have the vote taken before ten days would have elapsed. We doubt if many of those who were induced to support the amendment anticipated the delay that has been resolved upon. Meantime, however, the duty of tempe-