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#### OUR ORGAN.

It is specially desirable that in the coming contest everything possible should be done to thoroughly inform the public of the great principles that underlie our cause, and to keep that public continually posted as to the progress of our work. The Alliance has taken a wise step in arranging to furnish the CANADA CITIZEN free to its members. The weekly visits of a live temperance paper must be productive of good. It ought to be in every family in the land. We are making arrangements by which special editions can be furnished at very low prices for use as campaign sheets where contests are going on. We want our friends, everywhere, to do what they can to extend our circulation, and also to keep us continually informed in respect to the state and progress of our cause in their respective localities.

#### THE COMING CONTEST.

The temperance workers of Canada are thoroughly roused and thoroughly in earnest. The Ontario Provincial Convention at Toronto last week was one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held in the Dominion. It gave no uncertain sound. There

was in all its proceedings a wonderful harmony, a remarkable unity of sentiment, and concentration of effort towards what was really the principal work in hand, namely, planning the most thorough and extensive campaign of political action against the liquor traffic, that has yet been undertaken. Systematically and determinedly are we going to work to make the Scott Act the law of the whole Province of Ontario. Steps have already been taken for the organization of all the countries in group number one, and in some of the other groups much progress has also been made. We must go into this work without any rashness or precipitation, but with enthusiasm and energy that will preclude failure. Let all action be taken carefully, and not without prudent consultation. The Alliance can and will co-operate with, advise and aid the workers everywhere. We must expect the fiercest and bitterest opposition. The forces of liquordom will rally for the strongholds of their power, and no effort will be spared to retain what they feel is fast slipping from their grasp. We must be prepared for a desperate struggle. but if we do our duty we need have no fears as to the result. We are at a crisis in the history of our cause, in which intense and active loyalty may make that cause triumphant at once and forever.

### THE DOMINION ALLIANCE

FOR THE

LEGAL SUPPRESSION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

ONTARIO BRANCH.

Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Session.

TORONTO, Tuesday March 25th, 1884.

MORNING SESSION.

The Annual Convention of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance for the total suppression of the Liquor Traffic was opened at the Temperance Hall, Temperance St., at 10:30 a.m.

In the absence of the President, Mr. W. H. Howland, Vice-President, presided.

The Convention was opened by prayer, led by Rev. J. M. Cameron.

After prayer, the President, Hon. S. H. Blake, Q. C., having arrived, took the chair.

The following Business Committee was appointed.

Revs. D. L. Brethour, J. Smith, Messrs. H. O'Hara, T. H. James and F. S. Spence.

The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Rev. R. C. Morrow, of Otterville, gave a short account of the recent Scott Act contest in Oxford, and Rev. M. C. Cameron, of Milton, spoke of the successful working of the Scott Act in Halton. Rev. D. V. Lucas, of Montreal, Secretary of the Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance, also delivered a short address.

The Business Committee presented a report nominating the following committees:

*On Finance.*—Messrs. H. O'Hara, W. H. Howland, Johnson Harrison, N. W. Hoyles and H. P. Moore.

*On Legislation.*—Hon. S. H. Blake, Rev. Messrs. D. L. Brethour, J. Smith, and R. Maitland, Messrs. W. H. Howland, G. H. Kennedy, T. Caswell and J. G. McCrac.