

ABSTRACT OF REPORT
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
PROHIBITORY CONFERENCE

HELD IN OTTAWA,
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd and 23rd, 1874.

In the month of February 1874 a circular signed by the Presidents and Secretaries of the Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick Temperance and Prohibitory Leagues was addressed to the presiding officers of the several Grand Divisions Sons of Temperance;—Grand Temples. I. O. Good Templars :—Grand Lodges of British American Templars—and Grand Lodges of British Templars, in the Dominion of Canada. The circular requested each of these officers to name THREE members of their respective orders to meet in Conference with delegates from the Leagues, in the city of Ottawa during the session of Parliament. A second circular named Wednesday the 22nd of April as the day of meeting. The conference was called, in view of the introduction into the Dominion Parliament of the question of Prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating Beverages—to promote the united and concerted action of all Temperance organizations in reference to the Prohibitory agitation, and to afford an opportunity for consultation with friends in Parliament &c. The Conference was also expected to consider the propriety of organizing Leagues in the Provinces where none exist, and a Council of Leagues for the Dominion.

Pursuant to the call contained in the above named circulars, a number of delegates met in Ottawa on the day named. Rev. Wm. Scott was appointed temporary Chairman.

MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

The following gentlemen were found to be in attendance with credentials from the officers of representative temperance bodies :—

NATIONAL.

Most Worthy Grand Lodge of British Templars.—Samuel Watts, Woodstock, N.B.