

other mutilations of the Act made at the forthcoming session of Parliament. A meeting of the Alliance Executive was at once held in Toronto, and it was unanimously decided to at once get up and present to Parliament a petition praying that the Scott Act be not in any way impaired, and also asking for a law of total prohibition. This was done and petitions sent out to all the provinces for signatures. Many of these have already been laid before the Houses of Parliament, many are now in the office of your Secretary, and others are coming to hand in large numbers every day. This petition movement promises to be a great success.

#### REPORTS FROM THE PROVINCES

have not yet been received by your Secretary but it is expected that they will be laid before this meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. S. SPENCE, Secretary.

The Rev. D. V. Lucas, Secretary of the Quebec Provincial Branch, read the report on the work in his Province.

It was moved by Prof. Foster, M.P., and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Morrow,

"That the report be referred to the Secretary, with instructions that he incorporate a summary thereof in his annual report for publication."—Carried.

On motion of Prof. Foster, seconded by Rev. Mr. Jamieson, the Secretary was instructed to obtain reports from each of the Provincial branches, and to embody summaries of the same in his annual report for publication.

The Business Committee rendered the following report, which was adopted:—

#### I. COMMITTEES:—

1. *Legislation*.—Messrs. J. R. Dougall, J. J. McLaren, Q. C., and all Senators and Members of Parliament who are members of the Alliance.

2. *Nominations*.—Rev. J. Wood, N. Shakespeare, M.P., W. W. Buchanan, S. A. Fisher, M.P., Thos. Robertson, M.P., Prof. G. E. Foster, M.P., M. Auger, M.P., S. A. Abbott, Jos. Jamieson, M.P., Geo. M. Rose, and Judge MacDonald.

3. *Credentials*.—Rev. D. V. Lucas, J. K. Stewart, Rev. Mr. Jamieson, and W. E. Smallfield.

4. *Resolutions*.—J. W. Manning, Rev. W. Scott, A. H. Gillmor, M.P., Wm. McCraney, M.P., Rev. B. B. Keefer, Senator Girard, and Rev. J. A. Nounham.

5. *Finance*.—Geo. M. Rose, Geo. May, J. A. Kirk, M.P., J. M. M. Duff, G. G. King, M.P., W. W. Buchanan, J. Scriver, M.P.

6. *State of the Work*.—Rev. C. R. Morrow, W. G. Fee, Rev. D. V. Lucas, Prof. Foster, M.P., Geo. Haddon, A. C. McDonald, M.P., Rev. B. B. Keefer, C. Burpee, M.P., Dr. Ferguson, M.P., and Jas. Dobson.

7. *Literature*.—Prof. Foster, M.P., Rev. J. Wood, J. R. Dougall, J. T. Moore, Thos. Bengough, W. W. Buchanan, Rev. J. A. Nounham, and W. H. Allison, M.P. The President and Secretary to be ex-officio members of all committees.

#### II. HOURS OF SESSION.

From 10 a.m., to 12.30 p.m. From 2 p.m., to 5.30 p.m. Evening Session, if held, 7.30.

#### III. SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED.

1. The Enforcement of the Scott Act, at 3.30 p.m., Thursday, to be introduced by Mr. J. J. McLaren, Q. C.

2. Alliance Work, at 11 a.m., Friday, to be introduced by Prof. Foster, M.P.

3. Additional Legislation at 3.30 p.m., Friday, to be introduced by Mr. S. A. Fisher, M.P.

The Council then adjourned to meet at 3 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, 3 P. M.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. The Secretary read the reports of the Ontario and Nova Scotia Provincial branches. The Treasurer's Report was read, and referred to the Finance Committee. On motion of the Rev. B. B. Keefer, the reports of the Provincial branches were referred to the Committee on the State of the Work.

Mr. J. J. McLaren then opened the discussion on "The Enforcement of the Scott Act." This interesting discussion was participated in by Rev. B. B. Keefer, Wm. McCraney, M.P., W. G. Fee, J. W. Manning, Prof. Foster and others. It was moved by J. R. Dougall, seconded by Rev. Mr. Nounham, and carried:—

"That this question of the enforcement of the Act be referred to a Special Committee, consisting of J. J. McLaren, Q. C., Prof. Foster, Wm. McCraney, M.P., Thos. Robertson, M.P., and Rev. B. B. Keefer, to report to this Council."

The President read a communication from the W. C. T. U., inviting the members of the Alliance to a reception to be held in the Dominion Methodist Church, on this Thursday evening, at 9.30 o'clock. On motion of J. W. Manning, this invitation was accepted with thanks.

Moved by F. S. Spence

"That when we adjourn, we stand adjourned till 10 o'clock Friday morning."

The Council adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, 10 A. M.

The minutes of Thursday afternoon's session were read and approved.

It was resolved on motion of J. W. Manning, seconded by W. McCraney, M.P.

"That the Executive Committee be instructed to arrange in future for a public meeting on the evening of the second day of the Council's session."

Mr. J. R. Dougall rendered the following report on behalf of the Committee on Literature:—

1. We learn with satisfaction that during the year just passed, a very large amount of Temperance Literature has been distributed through the agencies of the Alliance, the Scott Act Associations, and the W. C. T. Unions. This literature has been of the very best service in the promotion of both the special work of the year, and the advancement of the general sentiment of Temperance and Prohibition.

2. We mention with special pleasure the *Canada Citizen* paper and publications, the *War Notes*, *Messenger*, and leaflets of John Dougall & Son, and the valuable series of Temperance tracts by Prof. Foster, and recommend the still wider use of these very efficient instrumentalities.

3. We recommend each Provincial Alliance to adopt or establish a paper to serve the double purpose of an advocate of its principles and methods of work, and of a bond of union among its membership, and that such paper be given to each subscriber of a certain sum and upwards, to the funds of the Alliance.

4. We recommend the continuation of the publication of the Alliance Year Book, and that it be issued at least sixty days from the date of the annual meeting.

(Signed)

G. E. FOSTER.

This report was on motion received and considered clause by clause. Each clause being only adopted, the report as a whole was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations rendered a partial report recommending that in future years the Vice-Presidents of the Alliance consist of the Chairman of each Provincial Alliance, *ex officio*, and two other persons to be nominated from each Province. Rev. J. Wood moved the adoption of this recommendation. Mr. Robertson, M.P., moved in amendment that the recommendation be made applicable to the present year as well as to the future. It was moved in amendment to the amendment that the partial report be referred back to the Committee with the recommendation that the system hitherto existing should be continued. The amendment to the amendment was carried.

The discussion on the subject "Alliance Work," was then opened by Prof. Foster. Mr. J. R. Dougall, Mr. W. G. Fee, and Rev. W. Scott, took part in the discussion.

It was moved by Mr. Fee, seconded by Rev. W. Scott,

"That the suggestions made by Prof. Foster in re Alliance Work be submitted to the Special Committee appointed to consider, and report on the enforcement of the Scott Act, and that said Committee report to the Council this afternoon." Carried.

On motion the names of W. G. Fee, S. A. Fisher, M.P., and J. R. Dougall were added to the above-mentioned Special Committee.

Prof. Foster presented the Report of the Committee on Legislation, which was as follows:—

The Committee on Legislation beg leave to report,

"That in view of the recent decisions of the Supreme Courts in re The Liquor License Act, 1883, maintaining the constitutionality of those clauses which look to the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act of 1878, this Alliance would strongly urge upon the Government the necessity of having the Act strictly and impartially enforced."

"That the Alliance desires to impress upon the Government the advisability of having all officers, whose duty it is to look after the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act, persons whose sympathies shall be in favor rather than against the principle and methods of the Act."

"That it is the opinion of the Alliance that in the consolidation of the Dominion Laws now going on the clauses of the Liquor License Act, 1883, which relate to the enforcement of The Canada Temperance Act, 1878, ought to be consolidated with and embodied in the said Canada Temperance Act, 1878."

"That certain amendments, as outlined, are considered necessary for the more perfect working of the Canada Temperance Act, and that these and whatever others we consider necessary be referred to the Committee on Legislation, which shall continue to act with full power during the session of Parliament, that this Committee take measures to have them incorporated into the Canada Temperance Act."

"That we recognize with great satisfaction the success which attended the policy last year inaugurated by this Alliance of instituting a vigorous campaign for the adoption of the Canada Temperance Act in all parts of the Dominion, and we reiterate and re-affirm our convictions that for the present year this same policy be vigorously carried out. Let our motto for the year be 'A poll for the Canada Temperance Act in every possible constituency of Canada.'"

The Report was on motion adopted.

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Work was read by Rev. D. V. Lucas, and on motion adopted.

The Report was as follows:—

1. The Committee is gratified in being able to report encouragingly from every part of the Dominion. The wonderful progress made since our last council meeting is known to all temperance workers. The Province of Ontario has carried the Canada Temperance Act in 15 counties and one city. The Act will be on the 1st of May next in force in 9 counties. The Act has been and continues to be most thoroughly enforced in the county of Halton. In all those counties in which the Act will come into force in May, the temperance people seem to be fully alive to the necessity of its proper enforcement. With only a few exceptions all those counties in the Province where the Act has not been carried, are taking steps towards securing its adoption. The Province has never been so fully alive as now to the work of prohibiting the liquor traffic.

In Quebec the Act has been adopted in three counties, and will come into force in all three in May next. Five counties are now preparing for submitting the Act to the