

THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION.

We are at a most important point in the history of the temperance cause in the Province of Ontario. Upon our action in the fast approaching provincial election will depend a great deal of the progress of our work during the next four years.

The liquor party are already thoroughly organized and actively at work, endeavoring to prevent the election of candidates known to favor temperance legislation, and to secure the return of members who will oppose any further restriction of their traffic, and who will favor their desire for increased facilities and opportunities for liquor selling.

As overwhelmingly demonstrated in two plebiscites, the electors of Ontario are strongly opposed to the liquor traffic and anxious for legislation against it. If we are loyal to our principles and refuse to sacrifice them for any mere partisan or personal consideration, we can defeat the well-planned schemes of our opponents, and win a substantial victory for our cause.

The Government is pledged to the introduction of a bill to prohibit the liquor traffic, as far as the province has power, as soon as that power is ascertained. It is our duty to see that a legislature is elected in favor of the enactment of this right legislation which the people have so cordially approved.

It is reasonable and right to expect a government and legislature favorable to temperance, to take practical steps to at once mitigate the terrible evils resulting from the liquor traffic, whether the question of prohibitory jurisdiction is settled or not.

It is therefore our duty to unite to secure the return of such representatives as can be relied upon to give us all the temperance legislation that the Legislative assembly has ascertained power to enact. We shall find some men willing to declare themselves in favor of what they cannot do; men favoring total prohibition or professing to be total abstainers who will not be ready to take an immediate, definite stand against the liquor traffic. Such professed friends are the most dangerous kind of enemies.

There is before the people to-day no other political issue of as much magnitude as the temperance question. We have a splendid opportunity to give that question a prominent place in the coming contest. Are we sufficiently in earnest to sink our party preferences in so far as they would interfere with the great object we have in view? If we do this we shall win a splendid victory.

ORGANIZATION

The immediate, urgent duty of prohibition workers is organization for the double campaign which lies ahead of us. We must be prepared to make our influence felt in the approaching provincial election. We must be prepared to press for effective legislation at the coming session of the Legislative Assembly.

The precise form of organization to be adopted is not of so much importance as is the fact of some effective union of workers in every locality so that the strong temperance sentiment of our people may be made effective.

There needs to be, in the first place, a well-devised organization for each electoral district to see that steps are taken to secure a representative who will fairly voice the strong desire of the people for effective legislation to mitigate the terrible evils of intemperance.

Every church and every temperance society ought to have a special committee appointed to look after the work of making the opinion of the body tell upon the Legislature. If the addresses of the chairman and secretary of these committees are sent to the Alliance Secretary, he will keep them advised regarding methods of useful action.

There are localities in which no temperance organization exists, and where our friends desire to form a league or union of those who are willing to cooperate for the promotion of political and legislative temperance work. For the convenience of such we submit the following draft of constitution or working rules for such a society. It will be found useful as a suggestion, and may of course be modified to suit the necessities or views of the friends in any locality.

Any further information or advice concerning this important matter will be promptly furnished by the secretary of the Dominion Alliance, with whom correspondence is invited.

Prohibition League Rules.

1. NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Waterville Prohibition League.

2. OBJECTS.

The object of the League shall be to call forth and direct an enlightened public opinion to secure the total suppression of the traffic in intoxicating beverages.

3. METHODS.

With this object in view the League shall work for the adoption and enforcement of all available prohibitions and limitations of the liquor traffic, and the election to all legislative and executive positions of representatives who are known, avowed and reliable supporters of the principles and methods of the League, and the declaration through the ballot box of the people's desire for total prohibition.

4. MEMBERSHIP.

Persons of good moral character who reside or vote in the municipality shall be eligible for membership.

Persons desiring to join the League may be proposed at any regular meeting and a two-third vote will be necessary to elect them. They shall then become members on signing the following:

DECLARATION.

We, the undersigned, approve of the objects and methods of the Waterville Prohibition League, and agree to work together in promotion of the same in accordance with the constitution of the said League.

5. FEES.

The membership fee shall be twenty-five cents per year, payable in advance.

6. OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected yearly at the annual meeting, and shall hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected.

7. COMMITTEES.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers named and nine other persons elected at the same time. This committee shall meet at the call of the President and Secretary.

Other standing or special committees may be appointed from time to time as the League may deem necessary or advisable.

8. MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the League will be held the first Tuesday of the month of October. Other meetings will be held at the call of the Executive Committee. Nine members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

If at the annual meeting of the League there are not present sufficient members to form a quorum, then the next meeting at which there are present enough members to form a quorum shall be considered the annual meeting.

9. BY-LAWS.

The League may enact any By-Laws or adopt any order of business deemed necessary for the carrying out of its objects or the transaction of its business.

10. AMENDMENTS.

These rules shall be amended only by a two-third vote of the members present at a regularly called meeting of the Society.

A GREAT OFFER.

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