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GET UP A CLUB

The North Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance.

The North Ontario Branch Dominion Alliance, met at Cannington on Monday, March 12th, 1888, Rev. P. Addison, president, in the chair. After routine work the Nominating Committee offered as office-bearers for the ensuing year the following names, viz.: Rev. P. Addison, of Uxbridge, President; E. H. Hilbur, Uxbridge, Secretary; and Thomas H. Armstrong, Uxbridge, Treasurer. Vice-Presidents—William McPherson, Cannington; Rev. W. G. Mills, Sunderland; Rev. T. S. McNeill, Beaverton; Edward Taylor, Esq., Sanford; Rev. R. Nally, Athol; Allen McPherson, Esq., Longford Mills; Jas. McCullough, Esq., Goodwood. Central Executive—Revs. Addison, Davidson, and McDonald; and Messrs Weeks, Harrison, Button, Watt, McKay, Wellington, McLaren, Hall, Smith, Henry, Phillips and Hilburn, with Local Executives at Cannington, Sunderland, Beaverton, Sanford and Goodwood; the Vice-Presidents to be President of their respective Local Executives and members of the Central Executive; which was adopted.

The Secretary read a statement from George H. H. Esq., police magistrate, respecting the work done, and making several suggestions respecting aids to enforcing the Scott Act. These were discussed at some length and action taken in all cases as considered advisable by the Alliance. His statement of work done showed 202 cases brought before him, resulting in 161 convictions, 63 dismissals, 12 withdrawals, 16 cases undecided and 10 dropped. Amount collected in fines \$6,100, exclusive of fines paid to Inspector Ferguson (South Ontario) by the parties direct, and also exclusive of fines paid to the police magistrates of Whitby and Oshawa townships. In about 72 cases fines have not yet been collected, quite a number have skipped, nine or ten have gone to jail, and the remainder of the warrants are not yet returned. The uncollected fines amount to about \$3,600; and deducting from this the fines in cases where parties have skipped and gone to jail there remain from \$1,500 to \$2,000 yet to collect.

After some discussion it was resolved to memorialize the Government to authorize the employing of an efficient constable to do all the Scott Act work for the county at a fixed salary, and if the legal fees allowed to constables were insufficient to pay the salary, that the balance be paid from the fines fund, as one of the chief difficulties in enforcing the law appeared to be the procuring of efficient constable service. After a lengthened discussion it was resolved to urge strongly upon the officers the necessity of prosecuting all second and third offences strictly as such without respect to persons, exercising no discretionary or discriminating powers whatever, and in the event of failure to secure such rigid enforcement in this way, it was decided to memorialize the Government to instruct its officers to prosecute and to insist on such instructions being strictly carried out. Resolutions were passed approving of the amendments recently introduced into the House of Commons, by Mr. Jamieson, for improving the Canada Temperance Act, and urging upon all friends of the cause in the House and out of it, to use their influence in securing their adoption. The meeting recorded disapproval and condemnation of the amendments proposed by Mr. McCarthy, considering that they were only designed to assist the repeal of the Act. Resolutions were also passed requesting all ministers of the gospel to preach temperance sermons to their congregations at least once a quarter, and to form gospel and other temperance societies wherever practicable in anticipation of a repeal vote at the end of the three year term.

From all information obtained it is quite apparent that the Act is being fairly well observed over large portions of the county, and in districts where anything like rigid enforcement is being attempted, drinking is very materially lessened, and drunkenness reduced to a minimum.

The Irish Sunday Closing Bill.

The Irish Sunday Closing Bill has got through its second reading and is referred to a select committee. The object of the bill is to give permanency to the former act and to include under its operation those districts formerly exempted. It also more clearly defined the bona fide traveller, and makes the provisions respecting him more stringent.

The Police and the Liquor Men.

Two constables, Morrison and Hanks, of Newton Robinson, recently drove into Alliston for the purpose of arresting Patrick Nolan, a liquor seller, for an offence under the Scott Act. After the arrest some of the prisoners' friends appear to have effected an entrance and caused a disturbance, and Nolan made his escape. The constables fired upon the rioters. The constables are committed for trial.

DOMINION ALLIANCE—ONTARIO BRANCH.

CONVENTION CALL 1888.

19-21 RICHMOND STREET EAST, TORONTO.

MARCH, 1888.

TO ALL WHO FAVOR OUR CAUSE.

The Annual Convention for 1888 of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, for the suppression of the Liquor Traffic, will be held in the Temperance Hall, Temperance Street, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20th and 21st, commencing on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m.

It is expected that this meeting will be unusually large and interesting. Arrangements have been made to secure the co-operation of all classes of temperance workers, and discussions upon the different questions connected with the prohibitory movement will be initiated by prominent gentlemen of ability and experience.

There will be three sessions of the Convention each day, all of which will be open to the public, but only members and delegates will be expected to take part in the discussions and voting. The public are cordially invited to attend.

This circular is sent to all temperance societies, to church organizations, and to known temperance workers. The bodies named are earnestly requested to elect delegates to the Convention, and all who desire to aid the great prohibition movement are invited to become Alliance members. Cards entitling members and delegates to the privileges of the Convention may be secured by application to the Secretary.

Members and friends of the Alliance in other provinces are cordially invited to attend, and will be accorded full privileges in all discussions, etc., as visiting members.

REDUCED FARES.

All the principal railways have agreed to issue return tickets to parties attending the Convention for ONE FIRST-CLASS FARE AND A THIRD. To secure this reduction, parties purposing attending the Convention must procure certificates to that effect, signed by the Secretary of the Alliance, and present them at the commencement of their journey. These tickets will be issued from March 17th to 20th, and will be good to return up to March 23rd. The necessary certificates will be promptly furnished by the Secretary to parties applying for them and entitled to receive them.

The Alliance, as an organization, is not in any sense in competition with any other organization. It is simply the Legislative Committee of the various temperance societies and workers. It is composed of members and delegates. Any temperance or church organization that contributes annually one dollar or upwards to the funds of the Alliance is considered a branch, and has a right to send to the Convention one delegate for every dollar so contributed. In addition to the delegates so constituted, any temperance worker approving of the objects of the Alliance may become a member by paying one dollar or more. All members contributing one dollar and a half or more, are entitled to receive free THE CANADA CITIZEN, the organ of the Alliance.

Delegates and other members may, upon application to the Secretary, obtain certificates entitling them to reduced rates of travel to attend the Alliance Conventions, they have all equal privileges of speaking and voting at the Convention. The Alliance funds are used solely for the furtherance of Scott Act and other prohibitory work. The money is carefully expended for this purpose, and although the Alliance operations have been somewhat restricted for want of money, much has been accomplished. Those in sympathy with the prohibition movement are earnestly requested to contribute as liberally as their circumstances will permit.

Friends are earnestly requested to give this announcement as wide a circulation as possible. Ministers will oblige by calling the attention of their congregations to it, and officers of Temperance Societies by laying it before their respective organizations. To this grand Canadian Prohibition Parliament we cordially invite every well-wisher of the great Temperance Reform.

W. H. HOWLAND, President.

F. S. SPENCE, Secretary.

CANADIAN NEWS.

McKellar to the Front.

If every town in the county of Simcoe, writes a correspondent, will give as good an account of itself as McKellar, there will be no doubt as to the result of the vote. The temperance people in the district mean business.

Mrs. Baxter in N. S.

Mrs. MARION B. BAXTER, well known to some of our Toronto friends, has been campaigning in Nova Scotia with marked success. Large audiences attend all her meetings and much enthusiasm is being aroused by her effective addresses.

The Quebec Alliance.

THE Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance is pushing its work with remarkable energy and success. The new agent Mr. J. A. Nicholls, is hard at work holding meetings in different places. He is also publishing a paper called the Alliance Signal under the direction of a press committee.

They all Want it.

THERE are five towns in Ireland which are exempted from the operation of the Sunday Closing Act, namely:—Dublin, Cork, Belfast, Limerick and Waterford. Plebiscites have been taken in these towns as to the desire of the inhabitants to have the Act extended so as to include them in its provisions, and the majorities in every case were enormous in favor of entire closing; the vote standing about as follows:—In Dublin 4 to 1; in Cork 5 to 1; in Belfast 9 to 1; in Limerick 10 to 1; and in Waterford 12 to 1.

Rev. Mr. Snowden at McKellar.

A meeting was held at McKellar on the 7th inst in the interest of the Scott Act, at which Mr. John Armstrong presided. There was a large attendance and admirable and telling addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Snowden, and Messrs. Taylor, Betley, Moore and Hersey. Mr. B. F. Kean, of Parry Sound, was also present and delivered a stirring address,

after which a committee was appointed to watch the interests of the temperance party in the coming struggle.

Prohibition Meeting at Boston.

On the 20th inst. a meeting to organize for the coming prohibition battle was held at Boston, addressed by Mr. G. M. Clark. There was a good attendance, and there is evidence that the prohibitionists will be well prepared to sustain the Act.

West Lambton Prohibitionists Awake

At the last county convention of Prohibitionists it was decided to organize prohibition clubs over the county. Resolutions were passed to be sent to members of Parliament requesting them to stand up for the Scott Act if any attempt were made to repeal or emasculate it. A resolution was passed to memorialize the Local House to remove Mr. Palmer, the license inspector for West Riding, as it was evident to the license department that he was not doing his duty. Liquor dealers feel the giving away of free drinks to friends and loafers, for they say they can't refuse them or they will in form against them.

A County Convention.

THE united counties of Northumberland and Durham had a Scott Act convention at Cobourg a couple of weeks ago. R. Knox, of Orono, presided, and a good deal of important business was transacted. Strongly worded resolutions were passed asking for the appointment of a police-magistrate, warmly endorsing the Scott Act, and urging work for its enforcement and against repeal, declaring in favor of law and order and in favor of electoral action. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year—President, Robert Knox, Esq., Orono; Vice-President, D. E. Pickett, Esq., Warkworth, W. E. Johnston, Esq., Grafton, George Wilson, Esq., Port Hope, Robert Moment, Esq., Orono; Secretary, George A. Greenway, Esq., Cobourg; Assistant Secretary, A. Barber, Esq., Cobourg; Treasurer, O. W. Powell, Esq., Cobourg.

DOINGS IN THE STATES.

"Going Dry."

BARRIEN county "goes dry" says the Raven, a majority of 625 having declared for local option.

Emmet County Declares for Prohibition.

EMMET county election was a foregone conclusion, and all passed off quietly on the 28th ult, when a majority of 235 was declared for the prohibitionists.

Jackson City.

JACKSON City voted strong anti-prohibition, more than a thousand votes majority being declared against the temperance party. Fortunately the county told heavily the other side and the result is the district stands by local option.

The American National Prohibition Convention.

THE annual convention is to be held later than previously arranged. The 30th of May is the date now fixed. The Convention opens with an early morning prayer meeting, which it is intended should extend to the entire union and amongst those also who do not attend the Convention meetings.

Neal Dow's Defeat.

NEAL DOW has been defeated by a big majority at Portland, a majority of 1,600 voting against him. It is said the whisky men spared neither liquor nor money, serving free drinks at every bar to the anti-Dow voters. Though defeated Neal Dow still states his conviction that "the State of Maine will stand by prohibition and will never accept license."

The Whisky Party.

VOICE representatives have been interviewing members of the Democratic National Committee and nearly all of them are in favor of retaining the old plank in the party platform which says "we oppose sumptuary laws which vex the citizens and interfere with individual liberty." Most of these gentlemen have declared themselves in favor of high license.

Closing Out.

THE liquor trade evidently does not thrive in Sioux City. Two wholesale dealers, E. J. Resaugin and William Seich, have been found guilty of breaches of the law and upwards of \$20,000 worth of stock would have been confiscated but that the dealers have arranged to shift quarters and get out of the state. Another wholesale house is reported to be leaving with a stock value \$16,000 into Nebraska. There is now but one brewery left and it is reported that this will close up early this year.

Temperance Lesson Leaves.

THE National Temperance Society continues to publish Temperance Lesson Leaves for the last Sunday in each quarter. This year they are upon the texts selected by the International Sunday-school Lesson Committee, but prepared by Rev. Albert G. Lawson with special reference to the bringing out of Gospel truths and teaching upon this important question. The one for March 25, No. 38 of the series, from Galatians v. 10-25, entitled, "Temperance a Fruit of the Spirit." It contains Lesson Text, Daily Readings, Teaching Points, Hints, Notes, Summary, Questions, Blackboard and Music. Four pages quarto, 60 cents a hundred. Address J. N. STEARNS, Publishing agent, 68 Reado Street, New York.

Michigan and Local Option.

A decision of the Michigan Supreme Court recently declared strikes a severe blow at the hopes of the temperance party in the district. Three cases from Detroit have been standing over since last fall and are just decided, the Court declaring the law constitutional but practically annulling its provisions. It appears that it was held that a person caught in the act of selling liquor could there and then be arrested like any other criminal but this is now overruled and the end can only be accomplished after much delay. The Court further declares that common councils have not the power to determine the fitness of an applicant to receive a license; nor county treasurers the power to determine when the filing of a new bond is necessary. These with other minor provisions of the Act they declare unconstitutional, and the friends of temperance naturally regard the measure as so-called a "loosely constructed law weak in almost every section."

Transformation in New Alabama.

LET Country is little known outside the surrounding district nor indeed is its chief little town, Opelika. Yet it once had a population most unenviable. Then it is said to have spent \$200,000 in its many drinking saloons and to have reaped drunkenness, debauchery, idleness and vice to the full. But a few sober, high-minded, men went to work with a purpose. They traced the evil to its source and only last year finished their last work by closing up the doors of the last saloon. Now, thirty thousand people live and thrive without a single drink shop in all the county, and with what result? The retail trade is reported to have increased thirty per cent, and the real estate has advanced twenty-five per cent. The higher court has no criminal business to deal with; there are no idlers and loafers; and altogether the people regard the prohibition of liquor as worth half a million dollars a year to the county, not to speak of the increased piety, the high moral tone, the hospitality and general happiness that give a visitor a real sense of having arrived at a kind of "God's acre" among the living. There is no whisky there, and now it cannot be had no one wants it.

Calling Names.

ONE of the speakers at the Connecticut prohibition convention, held in New Haven some time ago, was Volney Beyer Cushing, of Maine. In the course of his address he referred to the abuse heaped upon prohibitionists by their opponents and read the following list of names which had been applied by Antis to temperance reformers: "White winged angels of the gospel of prohibition," "white cross party of purity," "pharmaceutical prohibitionists," "hypocritical purists," "pump people," "empirics and temperance bigots," "hydrant reformers," "water fowls," "irrepressible prohibition cranks," "enemies of liberty," "water bibbers," "water preachers," "water speakers," "water philosophy," "water apostles," "water gospellers," "democratic aid society," "democratic annex," "sniffing cranks in the interest of sarsaparilla, fanaticism and spruce beer," "moral hen huzzars," "prohibition apostolic and evangelizing sanctedim and synagogues," "Saint Johnnies," "godly goose people," "fools," "idiots," "blind idiots and fools," "prohib. sneaks," "concocted windjammers," "reformatory buzzards," "lying hirelings," "blatant scoundrels," "ale on toast fanatics," "blatant political demagogues," "misguided prohibition dupes," "ineptly, basely, manfully enervated fools."