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THE GREAT CONVENTION.

The announcement already published of the great convention to be held at Toronto on July 16th and 17th, will no doubt meet with a hearty response. Already there are pouring into the Secretary's office, representatives' credentials from nearly every part of the province.

The time, the conditions, the opportunities, are such that an ordinary "Call" would have rallied an immense convention. The endorsement and approval of the great array of leading church and temperance workers will no doubt swell the attendance to still greater dimensions.

The city of Toronto has placed the splendid Horticultural Pavilion at the disposal of the convention, without charge, and no doubt will give the delegates a cordial welcome. A special committee of workers representing the Toronto Temperance Societies and Young People's Church organizations, is at work perfecting details.

The W. C. T. U. will provide in the Pavilion on moderate terms, a lunch for all those who prefer to take their meals there. Delegates who so desire may thus, on their arrival, come straight to the meeting, certain of being taken care of there; and may afterwards seek more permanent accommodation at their leisure. It is specially desirable that as many as possible should be present at the opening of the meeting.

It has been arranged that the Provincial Government will on the first day receive a deputation appointed by the convention to ask for a fulfilment as far as possible of the promise made by the Government to the convention held in February, 1894. We look for the largest and probably the most important meeting of the kind that has ever been held in Canada.

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

On the 1st day of the present month our Canadian Dominion begins the 30th year of its existence. The present indications are that this year will be an unusually important one in our country's history. We face it under changed conditions. A new Government holds the reigns of power. The sentiment of people on moral questions is stronger than ever before. Temperance men have come to realize their strength and are determined that the great reform they champion will no longer be trifled with. We have more friends in the present Parliament than we had in any former one. Legislative uncertainties and difficulties have been swept away. We are on the eve of stirring events.

It is, above all, a time when we must be true to the responsibilities that devolve upon us. We have no time to waste in profitless discussion. We have no energies to spare for bickerings or quarrels. Forgetting all that has disquieted us in the past, remembering only the courage an unselfishness of our many workers who have stood together against the common foe, let us rally once more in the closest sympathy that we have felt, for the most earnest attack that we have ever made, against the cruellest foe that we have ever had to fight.

GETTING READY.

THE BIG CONVENTION.

ITS SUCCESS ALREADY ASSURED.

The Convention of the Dominion Alliance to be held in the Horticultural Pavilion on July 16th and 17th will be not only one of the most important, but one of the largest ever held in Canada. Arrangements for it are now about complete, and the Alliance Secretary has already received many lists of delegates who will be on hand.

A GREAT ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the "Call" for this Convention there is probably the most representative collection of signatures ever appended to any similar document in the Dominion. Among those who have thus given their endorsement to the movement, and urged friends of temperance to take part in it, are twenty principal officers of Provincial, Dominion and other church Synods, Conferences, Unions and other ecclesiastical bodies; the chief officers of the different Provincial Young People's Societies; a number of members of Parliament and members of the Provincial Legislature; together with leading officers in all the Provincial temperance organizations and the Presidents of many County Alliances; making in all an aggregate of seventy-seven of the men and women who are recognized as leaders in temperance and religious work all through the length and breadth of the land.

REDUCED RATES—SINGLE FARE.

The railways have promised to give free return tickets from Toronto to all delegates who have paid full fare to the city, provided 300 delegates come by rail to the Convention. Otherwise they will take them home from Toronto for one-third of a single fare. It is now pretty certain that several times 300 will be present, so that the rate will practically be single fare for the round trip. Delegates must purchase when starting from home a single-fare first-class ticket to Toronto, getting at the same time from the ticket agent a standard certificate filled up showing that they have paid this fare. This certificate will be counter-signed at the Pavilion and will entitle the holder to the return ticket as above stated. Tickets will be good for trips starting on July 11th to 16th, and for return up to Tuesday, July 21st.

REPRESENTATION.

The plan of representation is as follows: Every church and society to be entitled to two representatives, and each church and society having more than fifty members, to be entitled to an additional delegate for each additional fifty. The following organizations are entitled to representation on the basis named: County, city and electoral district Prohibition Alliances, Leagues or Central Committees, Municipal or Ward Committees, Branches of the W.C.T.U., Divisions of the Sons of Temperance, Lodges of the I.O.G.T., Councils of the R. T. of T., Branches of the League of the Cross, Prohibition Clubs, any other prohibition or Temperance organizations, Church Congregations, Young Men's Christian Associations, Salvation Army Corps, Societies of Christian Endeavor, Epworth Leagues, Branches of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, Baptist Young People's Unions, and other young people's associations in connection with church work: The members of the Council of the Dominion Alliance, elected from representative ecclesiastical, temperance and prohibition bodies, the members of the Executive Committee of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance; all Ontario Members of Parliament and Members of the Provincial Legislature, in favor of prohibition, to be also members of the Convention.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

An active committee of young people is looking after local arrangements. They will have the Pavilion suitably

decorated with flags and mottoes. They will meet the trains and direct delegates. The easiest route to the place of meeting is by the Winchester Street car which starts from the corner of York and Front Streets and goes past the Pavilion. The registration of delegates will be looked after at the hall where all will be supplied with suitable badges. There is no membership fee and no charge for admission. Delegates are, however, requested to send beforehand to the Secretary, or bring with them, a statement that they have been duly appointed, signed by the organization they represent.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

No cut and dried programme has been laid out. The Convention will manage its own affairs. In all probability a delegation will wait upon the Government on the afternoon of the first day to urge immediate action to the limit that the Privy Council decision will authorize the Legislature to go. A great mass meeting will likely be held on the evening of the 16th to be addressed by prominent speakers.

Visitors who are not delegates will be cordially welcomed, and special seating accommodation in the hall will be provided for them. Any further information will be cheerfully and promptly furnished by the Secretary, whose address is F. S. Spence, 51 Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

THE ONTARIO W. C. T. U.

The ladies of the Ontario W.C.T.U. are taking special interest in the approaching Provincial Convention. Mrs. May R. Thornley, the esteemed, beloved and energetic President, is working hard for the success of the undertaking. She has sent a special circular to all local Unions urging them to send delegates.

The Toronto District W.C.T.U., has taken hold of the important matter of supplying to some extent the material wants of representatives. They will furnish on reasonable terms comfortable meals at the Pavilion. Delegates may make their arrangements accordingly, certain of being well looked after, without being obliged to leave the Pavilion during the day.

To the work that has been done by the W.C.T.U. in the past, we owe much of the gratifying position that our cause now occupies. There is no slackening in the efforts of these earnest campaigners. They are as full of tireless enthusiasm to-day as they have ever been, and they will have a large share in the conflicts and triumphs of the campaign that is about to be inaugurated.

SIR LEONARD TILLEY.

Another of our veterans has gone to his reward, and prohibitionists in every part of the Dominion will mourn the death of one of the most ardent friends of our cause. The deceased statesman was leader of the Liberal party in New Brunswick, and led a movement that resulted in this enactment of a prohibitory law in that colony in 1855. Political complications, and the hostility of the Governor led to a parliamentary dissolution before there was an opportunity to have the new measure fairly tested. In the ensuing elections the Liberal party was defeated and the law was speedily repealed. Sir Leonard has never wavered in his allegiance to the temperance cause. He was for many years a pillar of the order of Sons of Temperance, and one of its most useful workers. The latest public position he held was of Lieutenant-Governor of his native province, in which high position he stood loyally by the total abstinence principles that he so warmly advocated.

Do not hesitate to take this paper from the Post Office. If you have not paid for it in advance, some one else has done so for you, or it is sent you free.

THE ALLIANCE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Council of the Dominion Alliance will be held in the Temperance Hall, Temperance St., Toronto, on Wednesday, July 15th, commencing at 9 a.m. This Council is made up of representatives from the different provincial temperance organizations, church synods, etc. It meets annually to consider matters relating to the cause of prohibition in the Dominion as a whole. Members of the Council on this occasion will also be members of the Convention which meets on the following day. The arrangement regarding railway fares will be the same as for the Convention, both being Dominion Alliance meetings, and practically parts of one harmonious whole. Leading workers in different parts of the Dominion have promised to be present, and in view of the imminence of the plebiscite on the prohibition question, the meeting will be watched with much interest, and will deal with questions of intense importance.

THE DOMINION ELECTIONS.

We are not yet prepared to publish a full list of the victories won for our cause in the recent campaign. We can confidently state however that we have made many gains, and have a parliament much more favourable to prohibition than was the last. It is true that some of our best friends were defeated, but our gains are far in excess of our losses. In Ontario alone we have nearly fifty members of the House of Commons who can be counted upon as sound friends of radical temperance legislation.

A DOMINION PLEBISCITE.

Briefly stated our position just now is simply this. The party in power is pledged to take a vote of the people on the question of prohibition, and also pledged to enact a prohibitory law if the result of the plebiscite will warrant their so doing. We have before us a mighty battle on the outcome of which vast interests depend. In that struggle we shall win, if we forget partisanship and personal prejudice, simply resolving to make the best we can of the heavy responsibility and the great opportunity with which we are now face to face.

A DESERVING ENTERPRISE.

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Lucas House on the last page of this paper. Mr. Lucas has determined to demonstrate that a good hotel can be made a success without the adjunct of a liquor bar. He has received high encomiums and strong testimonials from prominent clergymen, educators, legislators and others who have patronized his commendable enterprise.