

DOMINION ALLIANCE.

Hon. Messrs. Ferrier, Vidal, and Girard, and Mr. Foster were appointed a committee to prepare a form of prayer to be used at the annual meeting.

The Secretary immediately prepared and sent out, as instructed, 5,000 copies of the following :

ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT, FEBRUARY, 1884.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Council of the Alliance, held at Ottawa, on January 31st and February 1st, a resolution was adopted in favor of an immediate agitation for the adoption of the Scott Act in every county of the Dominion in which such action has not already been taken.

This course was decided upon for the purpose of (1) Securing in every part of the Dominion the thorough discussion of the temperance question that invariably proves a powerful means of developing and stimulating public sentiment in favor of sorely needed reform, (2) Securing a substantial expression of the strong feeling that undoubtedly exists against the whole liquor system—this would be practically a demand for total prohibition that Parliament would be obliged to recognize, and (3) Securing immediately the extension, over as much territory as possible, of the operation of the Scott Act, which already in some places has produced incalculable good, greatly diminishing the evils of intemperance.

At the same meeting a deputation was appointed to wait upon the Dominion Government, and urge the desirability of providing for the simultaneous polling of the different counties that may petition for the submission of the Act.

In view of the above detailed action the Executive of the Alliance requests all friends of the temperance movement in every part of the Dominion to at once set to work unitedly, determinedly and vigorously for the circulation in their respective localities of petitions praying for the submission of the said Act. The time is opportune; and the necessity for some check to the terrible ravages of drink is daily becoming more manifest and imperative; and the loyal workers who have hitherto upheld the cause so nobly and unflinchingly are earnestly called upon to rally again in support of this movement. It has been decided upon, after mature deliberation, as the only hopeful course now open, and the most certain to secure real progress towards prohibition.

To succeed in this work it is specially desirable that there should be formed, at once, in every county and city, a strong central committee of active temperance workers, including representatives from the different local organizations, to plan and direct combined energetic action. It is also desirable that there should be formed in every locality a branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. This Society has proved an invaluable agency for the work in every part of the Dominion.

Further information, directions for procedure, forms of petitions for signature, etc., may be procured from the Secretaries of the Provincial Branches of the Alliance, who are as follows :

Ontario, F. S. Spence, 8 King Street East, Toronto.
 Quebec, Rev. D. V. Lucas, 182 Mountain St., Montreal.
 New Brunswick, C. H. Lugin, Fredericton.
 Nova Scotia, P. Monaghan, P. O. Box 379, Halifax.
 Prince Edward Island, Rev. Geo. W. Hodgson, Charlottetown.
 Manitoba, J. A. Tees, Winnipeg.
 British Columbia, J. B. Kennedy, New Westminster.

It is expected that during the present Session of Parliament there will be introduced in the House of Commons a resolution in favor of total prohibition, and it is requested that electors everywhere will urge upon their respective representatives their duty to give it a cordial support.

Signed on behalf of the Dominion Council.

A. VIDAL, President.
 J. R. DOUGALL, Chairman of Executive.
 F. S. SPENCE, Secretary.

N. B.—It is requested that newspapers will kindly give publicity to the above circular, and that all friends of the temperance cause will aid in giving it a wide circulation

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