

the time, all minor differences, to put into Parliament as our Legislators strong friends and hearty workers. Open houses during the period of the election is adverted to, and your Committee would remind the Grand Division that a recent provincial statute puts it in the power of the friends of our principles to close all Taverns while the elections are going on.

The influence of the female portion of the community is all important, and no suitable means should be omitted to bring them over to our cause and enlist them on our side.

The organization of Bands of Hope or other Societies for the special enlistment of the young, is very properly insisted upon, and your Committee regard these as the most effectual means of extending permanently the temperance reform.

The employment of a competent lecturer is a matter of the utmost importance to the extension of our cause. The public mind needs to be educated and stirred up to its duty in this matter, which can only be done effectively by a suitable lecturer to resuscitate inactive and organize new Divisions.

Your Committee are also of opinion that the general use of the printed form for the reports of the Deputies, would tend to elicit that information which is necessary to enable the G.W.P. to ascertain the true state of the respective Divisions.

We cordially approve of the spirit in which the G.W.P. closes his report by a dependence upon those who are the salt of the earth, and Him who has the hearts of all men under his control.

The Grand Scribe's Report likewise presents an encouraging account of the state of the cause, and that the prospect is more cheering and encouraging than at any former period. In the Eastern Townships, where only a year or two ago, we had not a single Division, there are now 6 or 7, and within the last week one Charter has been issued and another Division formed.

Your Committee are glad to observe an improvement in the financial condition of the Division, which it should be the anxiety of its members to maintain.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed,)

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Moved by Rep. McEachern, and seconded :—

That the Report be adopted.—*Carried.*

Finance Committee's report :—