

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

By the Women's Christian Temperance Union of St. John.

WOMAN'S FRANCHISE.

At the convention of the W. C. T. U. of New Brunswick, held in Woodstock June 10th to 13th, the following resolution was passed:

Whereas, One of the stock arguments against woman's enfranchisement is her supposed objection to bearing the responsibilities of full citizenship.

Recommended: 1. That a simple form of petition, asking for full political equality with men, where the requisite property qualifications are possessed, be circulated in our province and be signed by women over 21 years of age.

2nd. That the canvass for signatures be intelligibly accompanied by a distribution of suitable literature in order that the educational side of the campaign may not be neglected.

To emphasize the work of this department, an excellent paper from which we give some extracts, was prepared and read by Mrs. R. A. B. Phillips of Fredericton.

First, then, we say it is necessary to the well being of humanity that woman help create the laws by which men and women are governed.

History proves this necessity. For centuries men have held this sole right, and even they will agree with us that the result is not altogether desirable.

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I. O. G. T.

Meeting of the Grand Lodge of N. B. at Havelock.

A Determined Effort Will be Made to Fill Up the Ranks of the Order—Action on the Plebiscite.

HAVELOCK, Kings Co., July 7.—The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, I. O. G. T., met with Franch District Lodge at 2 p. m. Thursday, W. R. Gould, G. C. T., in the chair. Six delegates were initiated in the district lodge degree and forty-three into the grand lodge degree. The reports of the G. C. T., the grand secretary, and Mrs. W. W. Killam, grand superintendent of juvenile temples were presented.

The Rev. Thomas Marshall, P. G. T., representative to the I. S. Lodge at Zurich, Switzerland, presented an interesting report of the meetings there, and also called attention to the resolution of the I. S. Lodge asking for an expression of opinion in regard to the memorial of the Scandinavian delegates, asking for the elimination from the ritual of everything of a distinctly protestant and orthodox view of religion, so that persons of all religious beliefs, or of no religious beliefs, may participate in the benefits of the order.

A letter was read from the P. G. T. Templar of the Grand Lodge of Ontario suggesting the advisability of forming a worthy grand lodge for the Dominion of Canada. The communication was referred to a special committee to report.

A resolution was also passed regretting that the Templar newspaper had ceased its publication at this critical period in temperance work, and expressing the opinion that an effort should be made to resuscitate it.

In the evening a crowded and enthusiastic meeting was held in the Methodist church. The following programme was carried out: Prayer by Wm. Lawson; anthem by the choir; address, Rev. Wm. Lawson; solo, Rev. Mr. MacNeil; address by Rev. Thomas Marshall; duet, by Mr. Dr. Thorne and Mrs. O. J. McKnight; address by Rev. W. R. Robinson; address by Rev. Chas. benediction by Rev. Mr. Snell.

After the public meeting the good Templars repaired to Good Templar Hall, where ice cream was served, and the plebiscite was the principal subject under discussion during the public meeting. The subject in regard to its financial aspect was cleverly handled by the different speakers.

HAVELOCK, July 8.—At eight o'clock this morning the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick met in session, and all the grand officers present. The first business before the session was that of Ivy Lodge, St. John, and after a spirited discussion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the question of the reported surrender of Ivy Lodge, in the city of St. John, be referred to the executive of this grand lodge for inquiry and for any necessary action it may deem advisable in the premises.

The following report from the committee on the state of the order was read:

"We have examined the reports of the grand chief templar, grand secretary and grand superintendent of juvenile temples, and while we are not in a position to report numerical progress, yet we rejoice to learn that no real decrease has taken place in our numbers. On the contrary, the large representation from the various lodges indicates that good templar has a warm place in the hearts of the people of New Brunswick."

"We are pleased to say that five lodges have been organized and re-organized, leaving us sixty-eight lodges, with a membership of three thousand and four hundred and seventy-two, but that there has been considerable falling off in the membership."

"This we deeply deplore, and recommend that steps be taken to check such a drain on our membership. With this end in view we advise the appointment of a lecturer to visit this jurisdiction and organize and re-organize good templar lodges and juvenile temples in localities where none now exist."

Respectfully submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity, (Signed), W. R. Robinson, Miss Annie Darling, W. L. Waring, G. W. Dodge, A. C. M. Lawson.

The financial committee reported a balance on hand and endorsed the suggestion of the grand secretary that if the funds of the grand lodge be placed at one centre, more work could be done. They recommended that the per capita tax remain as it is present, and that the full amount be paid into the grand lodge. This report was signed by Thomas Marshall, W. R. Robinson, W. L. Waring, S. Z. Dixon, Joseph Moore.

The next in order was memorial. Very feeling reference was made in regard to the death of our late brother, Rev. M. Gross of Hillsboro, and after the expressions of heartfelt sympathy by the grand lodge, presented by Rev. W. R. Robinson, W. L. Waring, Rev. Thomas Marshall, Rev. William Lawson, Grand Chief Templar Gould and others, a standing vote of the whole grand lodge was taken in regard to a memorial to be prepared by the grand lodge, presented by Mrs. Gross, who was present.

Officers were elected as follows: Grand chief templar, George Dodge; grand councillor, Joseph Moore, Sheriff, Wm. L. Waring, St. John; grand treasurer, W. L. Waring, St. John; grand chaplain, Rev. Thomas Marshall, St.

Stephen; grand marshal, A. C. M. Lawson, Hopedale Hill.

Officers appointed: Freeman Alward, asst. sec.; Alice Lockhart, deputy marshal; Wm. Woods, grand guard; Geo. Carle, grand sentinel; Dr. McLean, grand messenger.

Representatives elected as delegates to the International Supreme lodge: Wm. Burns and W. R. Robinson; alternates, W. L. Waring and William Gould.

HAVELOCK, July 8.—At the afternoon session the grand lodge took up the question of How to Deal With the Plebiscite. It was discussed by W. R. Robinson, W. L. Waring, William Burns, Wm. Lawson, A. C. M. Lawson and others, and finally the adoption of a resolution in regard to the subject was left to the following committee: Dr. McLean, W. L. Waring, A. C. M. Lawson, Z. Dixon and G. N. Fries.

Resolved, That if we receive a definite answer from the authorities that a majority vote of the electors of Canada will suffice to ensure the enactment of a prohibition law, then as Good Templars let us work to roll up a large majority in favor of such a law.

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

As Rev. Mr. Marshall was compelled to leave before installation, the office of grand chaplain was declared vacant, and Rev. Mr. Lawson was elected to the office. On the resignation of the G. S. E. Priors was appointed to the office.

At this juncture the Hon. S. B. Chase, chancellor of the International Supreme lodge, and B. D. Rodgers, marshal of the International Supreme lodge, were introduced and received in the proper manner. Greetings were presented to the Grand Lodge by Bro. Rodgers from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the Grand Lodge of Cork, and after very interesting addresses by the distinguished visitors, the lodge adjourned to meet at Shediac at the call of the executive.

The Baptist church, a very large building, was crowded in the evening to hear Bro. Chase and Rodgers, and see the installation of officers, which was made public. A beautifully rendered solo was given by Rev. Mr. Lawson, and the music by the choir was well received.

At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was tendered to the people of Havelock, to Finch District Lodge, to Reform Lodge, to the press, to the railways and steamships, and to the Hon. S. B. Chase and B. D. Rodgers.

CAMP SUSSEX.

The First Lot of Troops Start on Their Journey Home.

The Prize Money Won by the Different Battalions.

CAMP SUSSEX, July 8.—The first visible sign of the approaching break-up of the camp was given when Major Baker of the 67th struck his tent and gave the order "quick march" to his company about 6.30 this morning.

This company has a long distance to cover before the men will reach their homes away up in Madawaska county.

Towards evening the striking of the tents of the 67th battalion began, which the prevailing high winds made difficult work to do.

Major Armstrong has been tremendously busy all day, busting here and there checking stores and getting through an immense amount of work in a short time.

The brigade was formed up on the parade ground north of the camp at 2 p. m. and put through a number of evolutions by Lieut. Colonel Maunsell who, in a few well chosen words, bade farewell to the officers and men who he had so long commanded.

It is needless to tell the readers of the Sun that there is scarcely a man in the camp today who does not deplore the loss of their old chief. His kindly good-natured equality of manner of treating those under his command, whether of the inferior or superior grade, will long be remembered in the militia force of the province of New Brunswick. He left the camp immediately after to prepare for his return to Fredericton.

Lieut. Colonel Vidal will start for Fredericton tomorrow, probably on the early train.

Capt. Hawthorn, supply officer, and Lieut. Rankine, camp quartermaster, will remain until the last troops march off the grounds.

The prize money of the different battalions was awarded as follows:

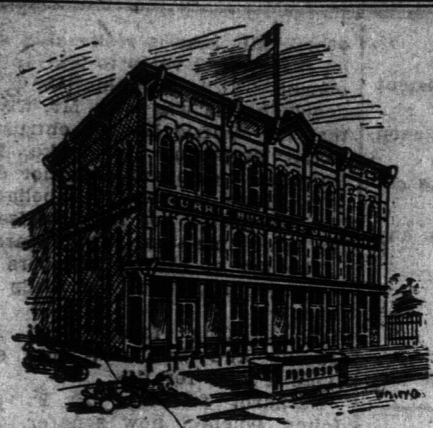
67th Battalion. Best shot in battalion, Private E. Dyer, 4.50; best shot in No. 1 Co., Pte. F. Colwell, 2.50; No. 2 Co., Corp. Tracy, 2.50; No. 3 Co., Sergt. Johnston, 2.50; No. 4 Co., Pte. G. Prosser, 2.50; No. 5 Co., Pte. H. Jones, 2.50; No. 6 Co., Sergt. Green, 2.50; No. 7 Co., Col. Sergt. Wadson, 2.50; No. 8 Co., Pte. Peridms, 2.50; No. 9 Co., Corp. Crandlemire, 2.50.

73rd Battalion. Best shot in No. 1 Co., Pte. Lucien Dupe, 2.50; No. 2 Co., Sergt. Major Young, 2.50; No. 3 Co., Pte. Ferdinand I. Parker, 2.50; No. 4 Co., Pte. Alex. Dick, 2.50; No. 5 Co., Pte. James Williston, 2.50.

74th Battalion. Best shot in No. 1 Co., Sergt. Kyle, No. 3 Co., 4.50; Company prizes—Best shot in No. 1 Co., Sergt. Major, Shilt, 2.50; No. 2 Co., Corp. Tolland, 2.50; No. 3 Co., Sergt. Kyle, 2.50; No. 4 Co., Bandmaster Snow, 2.50; No. 5 Co., Sergt. Best, 2.50; No. 6 Co., Quartermaster-Sergt. Ward, 2.50.

Major Boyer, 67th Battalion, who was held officer of the day, was relieved about 4 p. m. by Major Harper of the 74th Battalion, the 67th Battalion being in orders to leave camp at 11 o'clock.

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SPORTING MATTERS

Aquatic Sports at Rockwood Park Attended by Three Thousand People.

THE TURF.

Thursday afternoon's races at Rockwood Park attracted the largest crowd that has been seen there since the appearance of the great stallion Nelson on the track. The weather was cold, a stiff southwesterly breeze prevailing throughout the afternoon, but despite that and the walls incident to horse racing, the spectators remained good natured till the last. It was, as usual, where races are open to trotters and pacers, the latter day. They got first and second money in both events. The conditions were against fast time. The best mile was that made by Keno L. in the last heat of the 2.25 race, his time being 2.23 3/4.

Rowdy, the game little son of All-right, drove him out of his class and would undoubtedly have won the race but for the fact that he was altogether out of condition. In the big event, the 2.15 class, Terrill S. had things his own way. He did the first heat in 2.24 1/2, but could have gone much faster. His style of going was much admired by all who saw him. He didn't lift his nose once and was ever ready to respond to his driver's call. Nominee Prince went a good race. Katrina got third, but she isn't fit to go anything like up to her clip yet.

Special Blend seemed weak and finished last in all three of the heats. At times he showed almost as much speed as he ever possessed, but he could not keep it up. He may in time become as good a horse as ever. He was, but it will take time to tell that.

The officials were: Sheriff Sterling of Fredericton, W. S. McKie of Charlottetown and E. L. Jewett, judges; J. W. Power of Halifax and W. S. Jewett, timers; C. J. Ward, starter.

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