

That the review of the work of the Quebec Branch of the Dominion Temperance Alliance during the past year called for the expression of sincere gratitude to Almighty God:

That the Alliance recognized with pleasure the great success and hearty co-operation of the Women's Christian Temperance Union—assured that the prohibition tide which was sweeping through the Province was largely due to the powerful efforts put forth by this organization.

That the Alliance would emphasize the importance of the press as a powerful agency for the furtherance of the work, hailed with thankfulness the increased advocacy on the part of the French and English papers, and especially recognized the help given by the *Witness* and its publication, *War Notes*.

The Rev. Mr. Kines, in moving the last resolution, remarked that there was not another agent of the temperance cause that had done so much good as the blood and thunder little *War Notes*. He was satisfied that it had done a very great work, and hoped it would long live to continue it.

The Rev. Mr. Chambers said that throughout the country the press was giving a great deal of help to temperance workers. He was glad to notice that *Evenement* had said, "Forward, the Scott Act!"

Resolutions were also passed rendering thanks to Mr. T. S. Brown, the retiring president, for the marked ability with which he discharged the responsible duties of his position, hoping that he would long be spared to give the benefit of his great influence and valuable counsel to the Alliance; to Mr. Lucas recognizing his great adaptation to the work in which he had proved himself to be a worthy successor of the late Rev. Thomas Gales; and to the ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance Union for the excellent tea which it was expected would be given to the members of the Alliance in the evening.

The Rev. Mr. Chambers called the attention of the Alliance to the petition to the Senate which was being circulated by the tavern keepers and liquor-sellers, asking that a three-fifths majority of the polled vote should be required to carry the Scott Act. This was an instance of the "cheek" and impudence of the liquor party. Some strong resolutions should be passed on this matter, though he did not believe any such petition would be for a moment entertained by the Parliament. Mr. Irwin thought that this resolution should commence by expressing the thanks of the Alliance that the liquor men were forced to such an extremity by the Scott Act, as to resort to such a measure as this. They would hardly get any one to present their petition in the House of Parliament.

The Rev. Mr. Campbell said he was in the Senate during the debate on the Scott Act, and he saw that quite a large party was in favor of the petition.

Mr. J. R. Dougall thought there was very little danger from this petition in the House of Commons, as none of the members would dare to face their constituents after voting for it. But, as had been shown, there was danger from it in the other quarters. The matter was referred to the committee on resolutions.

Mr. T. Brown having resumed the chair, the following resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas certain petitions have been circulated and signed praying the Legislature to alter the Canada Temperance Act, 1875, that a three-fifths majority of the votes polled at an election under the said Act shall be necessary to secure its adoption in any city or county, we hereby place upon record our protest against the unfairness of the alteration asked for, our determination to oppose to the utmost such legislation and at the same time our conviction that the Parliament of this Dominion will not grant a request so foreign to British fair play, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister.

Second. That this branch of the Alliance heartily endorse the counter petitions that are being circulated, and urge all friends of prohibition to sign them promptly and forward the same to their representatives in Parliament.

That we offer our sincerest felicitation to our French-speaking fellow-citizens and fellow-subjects throughout the province upon their energetic action and distinguished success in the temperance cause during the past year, and that we are desirous of cordially co-operating with them in the promotion of this necessary reform.

That we hail with profound satisfaction the progress of a sound temperance sentiment as evinced by the series of brilliant successes of the Scott Act throughout the land, and we invite our friends in all counties still without the benefits of that Act to take measures for its submission to the electors, and this Alliance pledges itself to co-operate with all movements in that direction.

That inasmuch as the City Council passed a measure limiting the number of tavern and saloon licenses in the city of Montreal to one hundred and fifty, the Provincial Legislature be appealed to to respect the will of this city thus expressed, and to enact a law restricting the granting of licenses within such limits.

That the Alliance has learned with much satisfaction of the success that has attended the effort to establish a temperance literature depot in this city, under the care of Mrs. Gales, the widow of our late secretary, and would earnestly urge upon its members the importance of sustaining this effort and doing their utmost to secure an extensive circulation of the excellent literature now in stock at the depot, 103 Mansfield street.

That inasmuch as the decision of the Supreme Court affirms that the power to grant licenses is vested in the Provincial Governments,

Resolved, That application be made to the Government of this province praying

for the passage of a law that no shop licenses for the sale of intoxicating drinks be granted in the future.

Dr. Potts then said that he had seen Sir A. T. Galt to ask him to accept the position as president, as Mr. Dougall was reluctant to accept that position. Sir Alexander told him that he could not, on account of his health and his work, accept the position this year; he might, however, do so next year. Mr. Dougall then would have to accept the position and a competent chairman of the Executive would be appointed in order to make the work as light as possible for him.

The Chairman (Mr. Brown) asked if he was to understand that Mr. Dougall did accept.

Mr. Dougall replied that he would fill the position, fully recognizing the honor the Alliance had conferred on him. He thanked them heartily for this honor, hoped that the suggestion of Dr. Potts concerning a chairman of the Executive would be acted upon, and sat down amid applause.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand to the credit of the Alliance of \$123.26.

The Finance Committee's report showed that a large part of the money collected was raised in Montreal. In the past year only \$1,700 was collected, and the committee had to recognize that if they were not satisfied to let the work lag, the Alliance would have to raise \$5,000 this year.

The committee suggested that as so much of the money had been raised in Montreal, there should be more work done in Montreal, instead of in the country.

This report was considerably discussed. Mr. Brown, who was in the chair, expressed his opinion that the counties should not be asked for a cent to help the work of the Alliance. The counties had enough to do in raising the money necessary in a Scott Act campaign without asking them for anything further.

The Rev. Dr. Potts thought that it was time that the counties should be expected to contribute to the general work done by the Dominion Alliance.

Later in the afternoon a tea-meeting was held in the lecture room of St. James street Methodist Church, and subsequently there was an immense mass meeting presided over by Mr. J. R. Dougall, and addressed by Rev. D. V. Lucas, Dr. Potts, Mr. H. MacLennan, and Dr. Robins.

The Campaign Everywhere.

KINGSTON.—The work in this city is going on wonderfully. Over one thousand persons have already signed the Scott Act petition. The friends of the Act expect to be able to vote on the question before the end of March.

YORK.—The campaign in this county is progressing. The president called at the office of THE CANADA CITIZEN a few days ago, and stated that about one-half of the municipalities have completed their canvass. The returns, so far as received, show considerably more than the required percentage of signatures. A convention will shortly be called, and the Scott Act will soon be an accomplished fact in the county of York.

VICTORIA.—One of the most successful temperance meetings ever held in this section, the scene of the abounding labors of Father Stafford, was assembled in the Opera House, Lindsay, to listen to the Rev. Mr. Keefer, general agent of the Dominion Alliance, to discuss the provisions and workings of the Scott Act, and the state of the movement in the Province of Ontario. The Opera House was crowded to the doors, many being compelled to stand the entire evening. His Honor, Judge Dean, occupied the chair, and at the close of the address expressed his hearty sympathy with the proposal to secure the adoption of the Act in this country.

Resolutions expressing sympathy and co-operation with the Alliance and its work, and declaring in favor of submitting the Act to the electors of this county were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted. A committee of fifteen of the most influential citizens with Judge Dean as convener, was appointed to summon a county convention to organize for the campaign.—*Mail*.

TORONTO.—The West End Christian Temperance Society held their usual Saturday concert in the Occident Hall, on the 31st ult. The large hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Mr. A. Farley, the