

Whereas, we believe that we can never attain the total prohibition of the liquor traffic until we have in power both Provincial and National Governments backed by an earnest and aggressive political party which has total prohibition as its avowed policy, and Whereas we believe the time has come when the Independent Order of Good Templars should be heard definitely on this matter, therefor be it

Resolved, That in view of the past inaction among temperance workers in the Province affecting the election of members of Municipal Councils and of Parliament to both the Provincial and Dominion Legislatures, we respectfully, but urgently request the Dominion Alliance Executive and other temperance organizations in this province to put forth immediate and determined efforts to secure the election of good, tried temperance men, and that no support be given by temperance men at the various elections, Municipal, Provincial or Dominion, to candidates who will not pledge themselves to the earnest endeavor to secure the absolute casting out of liquor from our Dominion, and to give their aid to no party or individual in any such party who will not undertake to aid in every way in their power the accomplishment of these objects.

Submitted in F. H. and C.,

J. A. WOOD,
S. H. MYERS, } Committee.
A. GODFREY,
R. G. PIKE,

On motion the report was adopted.

Motion moved by Bro. D. Moffat seconded by Bro. Deans that a committee on printing be appointed.

Amendment moved by Bro. Myers seconded by Bro. Mouat that the G. Secretary procure on the most reasonable terms, the printing of not less than 250 copies of the proceedings of this session to be distributed as follows: one copy to each representative and officer of this Grand Lodge, one copy to each Lodge and each Lodge Deputy, one copy to each Grand Lodge in the Dominion of Canada and the United States, one copy each to the R. W. G. T. and R. W. G. S., and not less than 25 copies be preserved for future binding.

The amendment was carried.

Motion moved by Bro. Wood seconded by Bro. Keith.

Resolved, That, on this, the occasion of the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. G. T., in Nanaimo, we desire to congratulate the members of Onward Lodge, No. 2, and the people of the city generally upon the beautiful situation and surroundings of their town and the evidences of progress and prosperity we have witnessed in the community. Especially would we felicitate them upon the connection of the Capital with the Black Diamond City by an excellent line of Railway. Carried.

The Grand Counselor replied to the foregoing resolution in a short speech in his usual happy strain.

Motion moved by Bro. Losee seconded by Bro. Deans that the Constitution be so amended that a member joining our order during the last month of any quarter be not charged dues for the next quarter. Carried.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That viewing with alarm the violence done to the moral and religious sense of the community by the running of Sunday trains by Railway Companies and by the Sunday traffic of steamboat companies, we wish to express our strong abhorrence of these acts of Sabbath desecration as cal-

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