ings of the National Convention at Montreal.

ting Report of the Executive Committee,

g the Growth of Public Sentiment in Favor of Total Prohibition.

Frances Willard Receives an Ova--Important Resolutions Preented-Father Chiniquy Withdraws Some Objection-

able Remarks.

NTREAL, July 4. - The National Proion Convention opened yesterday ing in the Monument Nationale. was a large attendance and great usiasm. Senator Vidal in the chair report of the executive committee, read the chairman, J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., D., of Toronto, reviewed the progress the work during the past year, and

There is at the present time a stronger blic opinion in favor of total prohibition n was ever before made manifest. That timent is entertained by a great maity of the electorate, who have shown eir readiness to express their opinions by eir votes, and their earnest desire for imediate advance legislation.

'The question of the jurisdiction of Proincial Legislatures is rapidly approaching settlement, and these bodies will shortly e called upon to exercise whatever proibitory power they possess.

"The report of the Royal Commission can ot be much longer delayed, and, whether delayed or not, cannot alter the clearly lemonstrated fact of public favor for prohibition, and the growing determination of the electors to rid themselves by law of the evil-working drink traffic. The plebiscites have, in fact, completely forestalled the commission report.

"Christian churches have taken strong advanced and aggressive positions in relation to the drink evil, and a great majority of them are uniting the 'call' for the immediate enactment and thorough enforce-

ment of total prohibition. 'We are at an important point in the history of this great movement, possessing | not the nominees of any political party, but a vantage ground that ought to enable us to win speedy and permanent success. The gravity of this position has compelled the calling of the present convention, and for the consideration of that convention our committee respectively submits the following recommendations:

"1. That this convention affirms the rightness and soundness of the declaration made by so many organizations and conventions, that the right and only effective remedy for the evils of intemperance is the total prohibition of the liquor raffic, and that the time has come when the Parliament of Canada should enact such legislation as That it is also the duty of Provincial Legislatures to exercise all the power which they may be declared to possess towards the same end, and that no legislative body can do its full duty without exercising all the power it possesses for the suppression of the great liquor evil.

"2. That inasmuch as the enactment and enforcement of law must always depend in a great measure upon the strength of public opinion in favor of such law, and that every citizen owes to the State the duty of doing his utmost to promote right legislation and strengthen public sentiment in favor of such legislation, we call upon all who favor the cause of prohibition to exert themselves more diligently than ever to educate the people in the soundness of prohibition principles and the evil and ruinous effects not meant any offense, and withdrew his of the traffic in intoxicating beverages.

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3. That we call upon all friends of prohibition everywhere to organize their forces as perfectly as possible for the purpose of making their influence felt in every electoral contest, and urge them to do all in their power to secure the nomination and election to every elective public position of such representatives, and such only as are known and avowed prohibitionists, and who can be relied upon to independently promote and support, in their respective bodies, legislation for the prohibition of the Nor did liquor traffic to the full limit of the ascerernment's. tained jurisdiction of such bodies respecthear the

"4. That it is the duty of the Dominion Parliament to enact and provide for the enforcement of total national prohibition; that it is the duty of Provincial Legislatures to do the same to the full limit of their authority, and that it is the duty of every citizen to exert all the power enjoyed by him for the limitation and suppression to any and every possible extent of the liquor traffic under existing legislation, or any legislation that may hereafter be enacted." OPENING.

At 11:30 the convention proper met with Senator Vidal in the chair. After devotional exercises the report of the executive was read by Rev. Mr. Kettlewell, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. Chiniquy.

The president explained that the matters in the report were submitted with the expectation that the convention would take them into consideration, discuss and deliberate upon them. The convention was to be quite free in this matter, either rejecting or accepting. The report did not seek to bind the convention, but rather to suggest subjects for discussion.

The point of discussion was not reached, however, at the morning session, and Mrs. Williams walked to the platform, followed by a lady whom the audience at once recognized as Miss Willard. This was the signal for loud and leng continued applause, and the meeting was more concerned to hear her than with the announcement of the rules of procedure.

Anna Gordon, Miss Willard's companion. superintendent of the Juvenile W.C.T.U .. to the audience. She delivered a brief address, after which Miss Willard gave a description of her recent visit to England.

Mr. T. B. Flint, M.P., presented an interim report of the nominating committee, recommending the following appointments for the convention: President, Mr. R. J. Fleming, of Toronto; vice-presidents, Major Bond and Mr. McLeod; secretaries, Rev. S. D. Chown and Mr. H. e Dominion is Laird; committee on credentials, Messrs. J. H. Carson, F. S. Spence, J. J. Warren, and F. A. Howe. Letters of regret at not friends everywhere are urged to organize ave lodges in being able to attend were read from pe for 40 seats Cardinal Taschereau, Archbishop Fabre and Bishop Emard. The new president Mr. Wilson was introduced by Senator Vidal, and, in a which require few well chosen words, thanked the d will be done

audience for the honor. balance of

O'Hara, W. H. Orr, James Baylis, A. M. Featherstone; political action, S. A. Fisher, ex-M.P., Senator Vidal. A. H. Harrington, J. T. Middleton, M.P.P., G. D. Corbett, Dr. A. D. Watson, J. J. Maclaren, W. W. Buehanan, A. M. King, John Graydon, D. J. Ferguson, S. P. Leet, W. J. French, A. R. Dickey, M.P., T. B. Flint, M.P., J. D. Andrews, F. S. Spence, J. H. Carson, J. R. Dougall, Mrs. Ella Williams, Rev. A. M. Phillips, Rev. B. Clement, Robt. Craig, J. H. Hogg, J. B. Brooks, D. W. Anglin, Dr. Jos. McLeod, J. C. Alguire, Miss Meiklejohn, Mrs. Edith Archibald, Mrs. Geo. Grant; resolutions, P. H. Stewart, Rev. M. L. Wing, Rev. Thomas Hall, Asa Beach, Geo. H. Leys, Emma A. Wheeler, Rev. J. W. Bell, D.D., Rev. John McKellican, Miss Dougall, Rev. W. Henderson, Rev. Charles Longford, E. D. Judge, Mrs. E. R. Kelly, Mrs. S. J. Pomerry, Thos. Barron, J. A. Bazin, Rev. W. J. Young, Mrs. John Mucphy, Rev. Wm. Blair, Miss Mary Scott, Rev. F. A. Read, Edward C. Clarke, Rev. J. W. Sav-

age, Archdeacon Lindsay, Miss Kate M. Fisher, F. S. Orre. The report of the executive committee occasioned a long discussion. A. R. Dickey, M.P., in dealing with the difficulties in the way of members of Parliament who were desirous of bringing up the question in the House said that owing to the tariff debate it had been almost impossible to present the resolution. A resolution in favor of prohibition had been presented, but after some hours discussion Sir John Thompson very unfairly moved the adjournment of the debate, which, under the circumstances, practically shelved the question for this session. The prohibitionists, however, had many sincere friends in Parliament. T. R. Flint, M.P., and S. A. Fisher, ex-M.P., thought the resolution presented in Parliament did not go far enough. F. S. Spence, of Toronto, insisted that the prohibitionists should ask the Federal Parliament not only to give them a prohibitory law, but also to enforce that law. The report was then adopted.

RESOLUTIONS. Rev. B. Clement moved the following: Whereas, we as temperance workers, have, owing to the zeal and activity of nontemperance political partisans, found difficulty in securing the nomination of avowed temperance men as candidates for Parliamentary honors, we strongly urge upon all temperance organizations the importance of taking action in order to secure the nomination of such candidates only as will pledge themselves to forward temperance legislation independently of party politics."
Rev. Mr. Kettlewell moved: "That it be

an instruction to the committee on political action to present a scheme by which prohibitionists may be so organized as to be able to elect to the Local Legislatures and the Dominion Parliament men who are who shall go to Parliament to represent the principles of prohibition first and always.

S. A. Fisher, ex-M.P., offered the following: "That this convention condemns the French treaty now before the House of Commons in so far as it provides so great facilities for the importation of liquor, and the passage of which may tie the hands of Canada in regard to future prohibitory legislation, and that we call upon the friends of temperance in the House to vote against the ratification of that treaty."

The various resolutions were referred to the proper committee for a report, and the secure the attainment of that end. discussion went on. Rev. Father Chiniquy in the course of an address said he did not think political action was the best means of putting down the rum power. In support of his contention, he said that when a Catholic priest he had started a crusade in favor of voluntary temperance, which would have led to the entire suppression of the liquor traffic in this Province. But after he had left the Church of Rome the priests, in order to destroy the memory of his work in the minds of the people, stopped all efforts in favor of temperance. At this point Rev. Father Murphy rose

to his feet and objected to any remarks of a sectarian character. The chairman, Mr. Fleming, took the same view, and said that anything which could give offense should be avoided. Father Chiniquy said he had remarks.

Addresses were then delivered by Rev. J. H. Hector and F. Hamilton. The latter attacked the Church of England as not sufficiently zealous in the cause of temperance, but again the chairman protested against such remarks.

The committee on resolutions then reported Mr. Fisher's resolution on the French treaty, with a request to the representatives of temperance in Parliament to vote against any clause which might interfere with the adoption of a prohibitory law. W. H. Orr, of Toronto, called attention to the fact that the treaty must be adopted or rejected as a whole, and after some discussion the debate was adjourned upon to-

In the evening there was a mass meeting of friends of temperance, at which addresses were delivered by Hon. Neal Dow, Miss Willard, F. S. Spence, Rev. J. H. Hector

Wednesday's Proceedings. The Prohibition Convention met this morning and passed resolutions recommending diffusion of temperance literature, indorsing the polyglot petition of the World's W. C. T. U. addlessed to the rulers of all countries in the world, asking

suppression of the liquor traffic. Another resolution called on members of Parliament to oppose ratification of the French treaty if same would interfere to impede future prohibitory legislation.

Plebiscites were recommended to be taken in territories and provinces where not yet

Mayor Kennedy's action in refusing reception to representatives of the liquor traffic visiting Toronto was heartily approved.

The committee on political action reported in favor of prohibition clubs in different counties to organize the temperance vote in view of the approaching Dominion and other elections. The report was adopted after some discussion.

Resolutions of condolence and regret were adopted in regard to deaths of the Hons. Billa Flint and W. H. Howland. S. A. Fisher, Brome, read the following

The president first introduced Miss report of the committee on political action: 1. That this convention stands firmly by the position that in political matters they will support only known avowed and reliable prohibitionists.

2. That the members of this convention hereby agree that upon returning to their homes they will forthwith place themselves in common with other prohibitionists in their private localities for the purpose of securing the nomination in harmony with this view of candidates for the next Dominion and Provincial elections.

3. That to aid in securing the nomination and election of such candidates, our prohibition clubs, which will take advantage of every opportunity and work for the carrying out of the objects above set

4. Recommended that the Provincial branches of the Dominion Alliance, or When the convention reassembled the organization committee reported the for-

political organizations so as to secure the nomination by all parties, who can be depended upon to support the prohibition cause, and giving it to be understood distinctly that any other candidate will have our active opposition. 6. It is also recommended that where

our friends take a more active part in

such prohibition candidate cannot be nominated by any of the political parties our friends nominate independent candidates and make special efforts to secure their election.

The report was discussed clause by clause. Much discussion took place on the question of electing a member pledged to prohibition, but finally the resolutions were adopted, and after some other business the convention adjourned for recess.

The National Prohibition Convention closed its proceedings to-night. The convention before adjourning passed a resolution expressing regret that the Dominion Government did not see its way to pass a

prohibitory law. A great mass meeting was held to-night. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Hector, the Black Knight, Rev. Dr. Bryce, of Winnipeg, and others.

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