

of the License Law, of which so many complain, is not found to be so much in the working of the Law but because the Law is not properly worked or enforced; and I would respectfully suggest that this Grand Division urge upon the Subordinate Divisions throughout this jurisdiction the importance of a more faithful working of the present License Law, before we ask for any amendments thereto. I would recommend that this Grand Division take into their favourable consideration the subject of establishing, or recommending by circular or otherwise, a regular system for the guidance of Subordinate Divisions, in enforcing the License Law; and urge upon the various Divisions, the importance of becoming incorporated, to the end that they may be better able to conduct prosecutions against violators of this Law, and call upon all professors of Religion, and all lovers of good order to aid and assist us in suppressing the illicit traffic in intoxicating liquors throughout our Province.

I am not prepared to give a full report of the action taken upon the License question by the various Counties which have held their Courts of General Sessions; but learn that Cumberland County granted Licenses by a majority of one, fourteen voting for and thirteen against it. I am happy to say that no licenses have been granted in Colchester, Shelburne, Digby, Yarmouth, Lunenburg, Queens, Guysborough, and I believe Antigonish, and the East District of Hants, and also in some of the Polling Sections in Kings. Some of the Counties have not yet held their Annual Sessions. I would earnestly request that every information that can be had upon this subject from every locality be communicated to the Abstainer.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the bonds of the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer, duly executed, which I hold in my possession.

You will have submitted for your consideration, a Circular from the Grand Division of P. E. Island, upon the subject of establishing a National Division in British North America. This subject is not new, having been carefully and seriously considered by this Grand Division nine years ago; and I have no doubt this very important matter will receive that consideration at your hands which it demands.

I exceedingly regret that circumstances over which I have had no control, have prevented me from giving to this subject