

2. In British Columbia the W. C. T. Union, Band of Hope Movement and Blue Ribbon work have been remarkably successful. A resolution is now before the Local Legislature favouring a most thorough-going measure of Woman Suffrage. This resolution is being promoted in the interests of Prohibition.

3. Manitoba and the North-West Territories have made much progress. The North-West Act has accomplished almost marvellous results among the native Indian population and the employees of the Canada Pacific Railway; the absence of crime, the maintenance of order, and the astonishing advancement of that new country, have been largely aided by the prohibitory clauses of the said Act. In Manitoba the Templars and Royal Templars have organized Grand Bodies; the Gospel Temperance Movement has met with the greatest success. The Province is ripe for Prohibition. The Provincial Branch of the Alliance has been reorganized, and is in a very flourishing condition. The Scott Act has been adopted in two counties, but owing to yet undecided appeals it is not at present enforced. In the territory claimed by both Ontario and Manitoba there is little restriction of the liquor traffic.

4. Ontario reports large increase in the membership of Temperance organizations, a special feature being the progress of the Church of England Temperance Society in the diocese of Toronto. As shown by the Secretary's Report there is a special effort being made in Scott Act work, and for the introduction of Temperance teaching into the Public Schools, the latter work being much promoted by the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

5. In Quebec there is a very extensive popular Temperance movement under the enthusiastic direction of the Roman Catholic Clergy, who are also in cordial sympathy with the Alliance in the effort to secure further restriction of the Liquor Traffic. The rapid spread of the W. C. T. Union has created among all classes of society a new activity and zeal in advocacy of social reform in reference to drinking customs. A large number of County Branches of the Alliance are working vigorously in their respective localities. The effect of the enforcement of the Dominion License Act in the Province would, in populous localities, greatly lessen the number of places where liquor is sold.

6. The New Brunswick Branch of the Alliance is increasingly useful and active, and is looked upon favorably by the better class of the population, being recognized as the most important Temperance organization in the Province.

7. The acceptance by Nova Scotia of the Scott Act, as indicated in the Secretary's Report, shows plainly the trend of public feeling in that Province. The Act is being well enforced. The Sons of Temperance have made remarkable progress, and other societies are flourishing.

8. The Scott Act is in force in the whole of Prince Edward Island. An effort is being made for its repeal in Prince County, but the movement is not likely to be successful. The Good Templar order has been introduced, and has met with great success.

9. The almost unanimous support of Church organizations, and religious newspapers, and the support of a large section of the secular press, in every part of the Dominion, are specially encouraging features of our present position.

10. We respectfully submit the following recommendations: (a) That a page in our Year Book be devoted to details of the working of the prohibitory clauses of the North-West Act. (b) That the Legislation Committee be requested to report upon the subject of permits under the said Act. (c) That a special Committee be appointed to consider the recommendations of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman appointed a Special Committee to deal with the letter of the G. W. P. of Sons of Temperance, consisting of Messrs. Brethour, McGill and Stewart.

Letters from Mr. I. S. Brown, President of the Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance, were read—the one, referring to Mrs. Gales, being referred to the Finance Committee, and the other to the Committee on the State of the Work.

A letter from Dr. Youmans, St. Catharines, Ont., was also read, and referred to the Special Committee on the letter of G. W. P. Sons of Temperance.

The Committee on Legislation reported:

On motion the Report was received, and the first clause considered, viz.: That a deputation from this Council do wait upon the Government of the Dominion at as early an hour as can be arranged, and represent to them, That in the opinion of this Council the country is, as a whole, favorable to complete prohibition, and requesting, first, That a Bill be introduced at this present session, totally prohibiting the liquor traffic throughout the Dominion; second, That if this request is declined, a Bill be introduced which will secure the polling of the whole country, so as to ascertain its views on the subject of total prohibition; Or, failing this, that in case of a simultaneous movement for the adoption of the Scott Act, in a large proportion of the counties, the Government would be pleased to appoint as nearly as possible the same polling day, in all the counties.

Prof. Foster moved in amendment, seconded by M. A. Longley,

1. That we send a deputation to the Government asking them to grant simultaneous polling in groups of counties which are agitating for the adoption of the Canada Temperance Act.

2. That we instruct our Executive to take measures for introducing into the House of Commons a resolution affirming the desirability of passing a prohibitory law for the Dominion of Canada.

On the motions being put, the amendment was declared carried.

The second clause of the Report was then read and adopted as follows:

That it be recommended that action be taken in every county throughout the Dominion, where such action is possible, with a view to a simultaneous polling during the year of all such counties in favor of the Canada Temperance Act, not only for the extension of the splendid results which have flowed from that law where it has been duly enforced, but for the early passage of a complete National Prohibitory Act.

The Council then adjourned till 2 p. m.

**FRIDAY, 2.30 P. M.**

After the Minutes had been read and approved, the Special Committee on the communication from the Grand Division, S. of T. of Ontario, calling attention to

the desirability of a general convention of Temperance workers of the Province, reported:—

Whereas, having heard from various reliable sources, and from various Provinces of the Dominion of the rapid growth of public opinion in the direction of a total Prohibitory law, and

Whereas, it is very desirable to secure unity of action between all Temperance workers in the country, be it

*Resolved*.—1. That in our judgment the time has come when a direct effort should be made to secure a Prohibitory Liquor law for the Dominion.

2. That we recommend the Executive of this Council to put themselves into communication with the Executive of the Grand Division of the S. of T. of Ontario, and other organizations, with the view of calling a general convention of all Temperance and Christian workers in the Dominion to consider what action ought to be taken with reference to this question—said convention to be called at some central place, and at as early a date as may be agreed on by said joint Executives. The report was adopted.

The same Committee also reported that the matters referred to in the letters of Mr. T. S. Brown, President of the Quebec Branch, and Dr. Youmans, of St. Catharines, Ont., has already been covered by resolutions adopted by the Council.

Prof. Foster, M.P., read a letter from Mr. Johnson Harrison, of similar import.

The Finance Committee reported:—

The Finance Committee would report with much satisfaction that the Defence Fund has been closed. The amount to be paid by the Government has been duly received, and all accounts in connection therewith settled as per printed statement.

The current expenses of the Council, on receipt of the arrears of assessment, now due, amounting to \$165.00, will provide for all present liabilities. Pending the action to be taken on Professor Foster's motion, looking to the appointment of a Dominion agent, they would advise the assessment on the Provinces to be the same as last year.

A letter from Mr. T. S. Brown, President of the Quebec Alliance, referred to us respecting the late Rev. Thomas Gales and his family we deem of such importance that we consider the Council should deal with the subject matter contained therein, and we respectfully refer said letter back for the earnest and practical consideration of the Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. C. MACDONALD.  
W. H. ALLISON,  
GEO. MAY.

The report was adopted, and the clause referring to the late Rev. Thomas Gales was referred to a special Committee consisting of five, consisting of Messrs. Buchanan, Bengough, Brethour, Lynch, and Spence.

The Committee of nominations reported the following list of Officers and Executive for the year 1884-85.

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J. W. Manning, Almonte, Ont.  
Judge Jones, Brantford, Ont.  
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Sheriff Temple, Fredericton, N.B.  
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Corresponding Secretary, F. S. SPENCE, Toronto.  
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COMMITTEE.—The members of the Executives of the several Provincial Branches of the Alliance, with the Rev. A. P. McDiarmid, M.A., Rev. B. Longley, B.A., Rev. Dr. Moore, and Messrs. E. Stoer, J. G. Howe, J. K. Stewart, J. B. Halkett, R. E. Jamieson, E. Botterell, J. M. T. Hannum and John Lamb, all of Ottawa.

These several nominations were confirmed.

The Finance Committee reported the Treasurer's Books audited and found correct.