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## GETTING READY.

### NOTES OF NEWS ABOUT THE WAR.

#### ORGANIZATION COMPLETED IN MANY PLACES, AND OTHER PLACES PREPARING.

A large and enthusiastic meeting held at Marbleton, Que. on June 28th, resulted in the formation of a strong prohibition plebiscite committee for Wolfe County. Rev. E. King Wilson is Chairman, and Mr. J. R. Andrews, Secretary.

Oxford County, Ont. held a Convention at Woodstock on June 4th. The old officers still retain their positions, but organizers were appointed for different municipalities. Arrangements were made for a thorough canvass of all the voters in the county, and for the raising of funds to push on the campaign.

The Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance has opened a vigorous plebiscite campaign. An appeal has been made for a fund of \$5,000 to which all churches and temperance societies are asked to contribute. Those who wish to aid should send their subscriptions to S. J. Carter, Treasurer, 82 St. Peter St. Montreal.

A splendid Convention was held at Sherbrooke, Que. on July 8th, at which was formed a county plebiscite organization, A. S. Hurd, Q.C. is President, V. Morrill, Secretary and Rev. F. J. Day, Treasurer. A mass meeting at night was addressed by W. W. Buchanan.

Essex County Ont. has organized at the town of Essex on June 27th. There was a fine turnout of delegates. J. H. McConnell of Windsor was elected President, and Rev. J. I. Manthorne of Kingsville, Secretary. Conveners were appointed for all the municipalities in the county.

Hamilton, Ont. was organized on June 23rd. Ministerial Association took the lead in calling the organization meeting. Arrangements for active work have been made. The principal officers are F. W. Watkins, President; W. J. Copp, J. T. Middleton, Ald. McAndrew, C. A. Birge and Mrs. T. H. Pratt, Vice-Presidents; J. C. Bale, Secretary and W. H. Draper, Treasurer.

A prohibition convention for the North West Territories has been called to be held at Regina on Tuesday, July 19th. All churches, temperance societies and Sundayschools are invited to send representatives. The main work of the gathering will be plebiscite organization and no doubt will start much good work for the new country.

A rousing convention was held at Brussels, Ont. on June 15th, well attended and thoroughly in earnest. Organization for the riding was effected, W. H. Kerr of Brussels being chosen as President, T. A. McLaughlin as Secretary and Rev. R. Paul as Treasurer. Organizers were appointed for the different municipalities. A rousing mass meeting was held in the evening presided over by the newly elected President and addressed by Dr. McDonald, M.P. and Rev. B. H. Spence.

The Montreal Herald has a special commissioner at work visiting different parts of Quebec province, and securing the opinions of clergymen and other leading citizens upon prohibition, the object being to ascertain what will probably be the outcome of the plebiscite in Quebec. There is found to be a general belief that prohibition would be a vast benefit to the community but in many cases an uncertainty as to

whether or not it could be made effective. It is on this line that our Quebec friends should get in their facts and arguments.

The Province of New Brunswick is getting ready for the fray. Rev. Joseph McLeod, D.D. and Rev. G. W. Fisher, President and Secretary respectively, of the prohibition plebiscite campaign committee, have issued an appeal for the immediate, thorough organization of counties. Conventions are to be held, campaign plans approved, literature circulated and all arrangements for thorough work made perfect. Mr. W. W. Buchanan is now in the province delivering addresses. He will hold meetings as follows:—Woodstock, July 9, 10, 11; St. Stephen, July 13, 13; Fredericton, July 14, 15; St. John, July 16, 17, 18.

The following county conventions are announced in Ontario: Prince Edward, July 16; Dundas, July 19; Peterbro, July 20; Frontenac, July 21; North Lanark, July 21; East Durham, July 21; Renfrew, July 23; South Ontario, July 22; Victoria, July 28; East Northumberland, July 30; Lennox and Addington, Aug. 2. In New Brunswick: York, July 11; St. John, July 18.

A provincial convention for Manitoba is to be held at Winnipeg on July 12th, and a convention for the Northwest Territories at Regina on the 19th. The delegates who were at the Alliance Council for British Columbia, purpose summoning a provincial convention for their province immediately upon their return. The provincial organizations now in operation are busily pushing the work of getting counties into campaign shape. Present indications are that the organization for plebiscite will be the most thorough ever effected by prohibitionists in Canada.

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## A GREAT CONVENTION

### THE ANNUAL RALLY OF ONTARIO PROHIBITIONIST.

About eight hundred delegates and visitors attended the annual meeting of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance in the Horticultural Pavilion, Toronto, on July 5th. Dr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C. was in the chair, and was supported by such an array of well-known leaders in the prohibition movement that we cannot even mention them by name. The meeting all through was marked by earnestness and harmony. There was practically unanimity in regard to every question of importance, enabling the convention to transact a large amount of business in a very short space of time.

The Report of the past year's work was a document of much interest, relating the stirring history of the campaign that defeated the liquor party's attempt to hamper the plebiscite ballot with a taxation condition that would have cost us many votes. Details of receipts and expenditures were submitted, and full reports of the work done to secure the organization of the electorate.

The report of the Plebiscite Campaign Committee which was unanimously adopted, urged the most thorough organization of the electorate in every polling subdivision; instructed the Executive Committee to furnish workers with information regarding plans of work, advised the formation of local committees to superintend polling; literatures circulation, and the publication of useful matter in local newspapers; approved the literature already published; recommended the publication of a list of available speakers; and the translation into French and German of literature already published.

In the same connection it was decided that the Alliance Executive should make arrangements to furnish facts and information to all applying for them, to meet hostile newspaper editorials or correspondence.

The Committee on Legislation and Political Action commended the course of the Government in submitting the plebiscite untrammelled by any other question, expressed regret at the failure of the Ontario Legislature to respond to the demand for reasonable progressive measures, and recommended effort to secure for the people in localities the right to prevent the renewal of licenses, and to limit the hours of liquor selling.

The Finance Committee recommended the raising of the sum of \$5000 as a central fund for campaign purposes. An appeal was made to the Convention and about \$950 was subscribed as a start.

In the evening the Pavilion was crowded at a public meeting presided over by Dr. Maclaren, and addressed by J. R. Dougall and Major E. L. Bond of Montreal, M. Auger of Shefford Co., Que., Rev. B. H. Spence of Manitoba, Rev. Messrs A. E. Greene and J. C. Speer of British Columbia, Mrs. M. A. Thornley of London, Hon. Senator Vidal of Saruia, and Hon. G. W. Ross, Provincial Minister of Education. Letters regretting absence and containing much encouragement were received from Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, President Dominion W. C. T. U., and Hon. S. Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture.

Officers for the coming year were elected, J. J. Maclaren being again chosen as President, F. S. Spence as Secretary and R. J. Fleming as Treasurer. A large number of Vice-Presidents and other members of the Executive Committee were also elected.

## THE DOMINION MEETING

The meeting of the Council of the Dominion Alliance held in Richmond Hall, Toronto, on July 6th was attended by about seventy delegates representing Church Conferences, Provincial Temperance Societies and similar organizations in different parts of the Dominion. Hon. A. Vidal presided. The interest of the meeting centered round plans for the coming campaign. A special committee brought in a report making many valuable suggestions for work, similar in many cases to those approved by the Ontario Branch the preceding day. These will be transmitted to the officers of the different provincial organizations that will be charged with the carrying of them into effect. We hope to be able to publish a number of them in full in next issue of the "Camp Fire." No important changes were made in the officers of the Council, Senator Vidal being again unanimously elected President, W. H. Orr, Treasurer; J. H. Carson, Recording Secretary and F. S. Spence Corresponding Secretary.

## THE SERPENTS TRAIL.

### SOME OF THE DEADLY DOINGS OF DRINK.

Hardly a day goes by without contributing its sad quota to the fearful list of fatalities caused by the liquor curse, fearful endings of blighted lives, or sudden destruction of those whose lives are cut short by the wrong doing of others. Here are a few specimens.

#### A Drunken Murder.

On Saturday, June 11th in the city of Montreal, Elzear Martin, aged 27, shot his mother-in-law dead, and nearly his wife. He was wild with drink.

#### A Fatal Spree

James O'Donohue an intelligent, well connected young man of Toronto was found hopelessly drunk on the streets and taken charge of by the police. A few hours later he died.

#### Died Through Drink.

A woman known as Frankie Moore who had once been wealthy was found dead in her house in Toronto on June 5th. She had been drinking heavily for two weeks and her death was the result.

#### A Suicide.

Frank Newsome, of Toronto, a commercial traveller, shot himself while under the influence of liquor at a hotel in Detroit on June 28th. His much respected relatives are heartbroken over the fearful catastrophe.

#### Drinking and Drowned.

On Saturday, June 18th Charles Nurse, hotel keeper at the Humber near Toronto, was convicted of selling liquor on Sunday, May 22nd. On that day some young men left the Humber in a boat while intoxicated and one of them was drowned. Nurse was fined \$20 and costs.

## SAMANTHA AT SARATOGA, IN A NEW DRESS.

One of the funnest of all the funny books is, certainly "Samantha at Saratoga." Will Carleton pronounces it "delicious humor" and Bishop Newman says it is "bitterest satire, coated with the sweetest of exhilarating fun." Formerly published by subscription at the price of \$2.50, and sold, it is said, by the hundred thousand, it has recently been issued in an exquisite little cloth-bound volume in the "Cambridge Classics" series by the celebrated cheap book publishers, Hurst & Co., of New York, as a means of widely advertising that series, and is sold at the fabulously low price of 25 cents. It would seem strange if they should not sell a million of them. They are sold by booksellers, or the publishers direct.