

whatever is necessary to make a paper interesting and valuable, and their purpose to push its circulation on business principles in every part of Canada, appear to indicate that it will be well adapted to meet the circumstances and wants of the country and to deserve the hearty support of the Alliance.

Last year the proceedings of the Council were published with a few other items of information in what was called "The Alliance Year Book." A little effort in this direction can furnish us from year to year with a creditable, interesting and useful manual which may be very serviceable to our movement. Your Secretary commends this subject to your serious consideration.

APPEAL.

The most important event of the year has been the appeal to the Privy Council of Great Britain in reference to the constitutionality of the Canada Temperance Act, which appeal was dismissed by Her Majesty at Windsor Castle on the 29th day of June. The power of the Parliament of Canada to legislate in the direction of prohibition has thus been set for ever at rest, and the constitutionality of the Canada Temperance Act established beyond all possible dispute. The proceedings in this case will be brought before you by the Special Committee, to whom the defence of the Canada Temperance Act was referred.

LEGISLATION.

His Excellency the Governor-General at the opening of the present session of Parliament said :

"I am advised that the judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, delivered last June on the appeal of Russell vs. the Queen, goes to show that in order to prevent the unrestrained sale of intoxicating liquors and for that purpose to regulate the granting of shop, saloon and tavern licenses, legislation by the Dominion Parliament will be necessary."

In this connection it is desirable for this Council at its present session to press for legislation in the direction of the principles and objects of the Alliance.

FINANCE.

The question of finance is one that demands the serious and constant attention of those upon whom devolves the responsibility of carrying on the Alliance work in the several Provinces. There should be, by this time, a sufficient number of persons interested in the principles of our movement to furnish an adequate and regular financial support to each of our Provincial Branches. If such support is not forthcoming, it is probably because our