

Mr. Fisher moved an amendment declaring that the time had not come for the discussion of the question of compensation. This amendment of Mr. Fisher's was adopted by a vote of 91 and 88. Mr. Jamieson's original resolution as amended by the addition of Mr. Fisher's motion was then submitted to the House and negatived by a vote of 112 to 70.

In those votes your committee find a good deal of encouragement. The one fact that stands out clear from amid the complication of debate and divisions being that our Dominion Parliament recognizes that the Scott Act has commended itself to public sentiment, and that the voice of temperance workers, social reformers and generally the strong, moral, Christian sentiment of the Canadian electorate is emphatically against any retrogressive action. The prohibition provided in the Scott Act is good as far as it goes, and may be secured by our different counties and cities until such time as it is replaced by a more thorough-going measure of total prohibition.

We regret to have to report that notwithstanding the advanced position taken by the House of Commons in favor of sustaining the Scott Act, Mr. Jamieson's bill providing amendments necessary to secure the effective working of the law was crowded out, and did not obtain consideration, the Dominion Government again refusing to give opportunity for its full discussion.

CANON WILBERFORCE'S VISIT.

Shortly after the last meeting of this Council a visit was paid to our Dominion by Rev. Canon Wilberforce, of Southampton, England, and under our directions arrangements were made by which he spoke to large audiences at Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec. We believe that his visit gave a decided impetus to the temperance cause and was of incalculable benefit to the work in which we are engaged.

SCOTT ACT VOTING.

Since the last meeting of this Council three Scott Act contests have taken place. Agitation for repeal was vigorously pressed in different parts of the Dominion and resulted in three campaigns, namely—(1) In Charlottetown, P. E. I., where a vote was taken on November 24, 1887, the Scott Act being sustained by a majority of 20 votes out of a total poll of 1,535; (2) In Westmoreland, N. B., on February 16, 1888, the Scott Act being sustained by a majority of 798 out of a total vote of 4,162; (3) In the county of Halton, on March 1st, 1888, in which the Scott Act was repealed by a majority of 198. Other repeal campaigns have been inaugurated in the province of Ontario and votes will very soon be taken in five counties. The city of Sherbrooke in the province of Quebec, and the county of Prince Edward in the province of Ontario, have resolved upon immediate campaigns to secure the adoption of the Act. In all, up to the present time, the Scott Act has been voted upon in eighty-one cities and counties, sixty-three of which have adopted it, and it has been repealed in only one of these sixty-three. Nine counties and cities have each voted twice and five have voted three times, making an aggregate of ninety-five contests, out of which we have been successful in seventy-three.

The repeal of the Scott Act in the county of Halton is the first case in our country's history in which any locality after having adopted the Act has gone back to the licensing system. Enquiry has revealed the fact that this regretted result is due largely to the fact that our opponents made special efforts at the time of the preparation of the present Dominion voters' lists to secure the enfranchisement of electors opposed to the Act and the disfranchisement of those in its favor. That the new list does not express general public sentiment as fully as did the list formerly used is clear from the fact that the new list contains nearly 400 names less than did "A" which was formerly used. Matters in Halton were also complicated by the parliamentary by-election which had just been held in it, and in which the political character of the county's representation had been changed. Moreover, there is little doubt that the petition through which the election was brought on was largely fraudulent. So that neither the petition nor the poll can fairly be taken as representing the true sentiment of the county. It is also worthy of note that the persistent refusal of the Dominion House of Commons to grant needed amendments to the Scott Act has been very disheartening to those who have been working for its adoption, its sustaining, and its enforcement.

RESULTS OF PROHIBITION

We have a great deal of pleasure in calling your attention to the fact that in those localities in which the Scott Act has lately come into operation the official records show a remarkable falling off in drunkenness and such crimes as grow out of drunkenness, presenting the strongest kind of evidence that the working of the law is of incalculable benefit, largely reducing the vice of intemperance and its attendant evils. The Scott Act effectually suppresses the treating system with all the injury that system entails.

THE SEPTEMBER CONVENTION

In accordance with the strongly expressed desire of a large number of temperance workers, your committee called a general conference of prohibitionists, which was held in Richmond Hall, Toronto, on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 13 and 14, 1887. This meeting was very largely attended and was characterized by remarkable earnestness and enthusiasm. Your committee had before the convention a statement of the condition of our cause accompanied by some recommendations. The convention declared itself in reference to matters both local and general. The following are the resolutions adopted which have reference to the Dominion at large:—

(a) Serious difficulties have been placed in the way of the Scott Act by the action of the Dominion Government in passing orders in council facilitating the shipping of liquor in bulk to Scott Act counties and prohibiting Scott Act enforcement purposes. The influence of these members of the government who are primarily interested in the liquor traffic, evidently being dominant in the Dominion Cabinet. It is recommended that the Dominion Government be strongly urged to revoke these orders in council and to pass an order prohibiting that liquor be shipped in bulk to the provinces in all cases in which the prohibition is an authorized officer appointed by a municipal council or provincial government, and that in all other cases one-half the penalty shall be paid to the prohibitionist and the other half to the treasurer of the city, county or town separate from county, for municipal purposes in which the offence is committed to be used only for Scott Act enforcement purposes.

(b) We would call upon all law-abiding citizens, more particularly adherents of the Scott Act, to do all they can to cooperate with the inspectors and give them moral and practical support in carrying out the law.

(c) Resolved, that it is the duty of prohibitionists in every constituency to see that at every election, Parliamentary or Municipal there is in the field a known and avowed prohibitionist candidate having the other necessary qualifications. If there be one and only such candidate in the field it is the duty of prohibitionists to vote for such candidate, and if they cannot do so at least to withhold their votes. If there is more than one candidate in the field, then shall the prohibitionists put forward one and vote for him.

(d) Resolved, that it is the immediate duty of prohibitionists to organize and league themselves together for the purpose of bringing the whole strength of the prohibition vote into active force in favor of immediate prohibition.

(e) Resolved, that all voters be canvassed with a view to their immediate enrollment under an agreement for the purpose of bringing the whole strength of the prohibition vote into active force in favor of immediate prohibition.

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resist any effort of the liquor traffic to secure a return to the licensing system.

(b) That as a large number of the members of the House of Commons were absent from their places at the time the vote was taken last session on Mr. Jamieson's prohibition resolution, and as there are at present in the House of Commons many members who were not then representatives, it is desirable that the said resolution be re-introduced during the present session and pressed to a vote.

(c) That to secure more thorough cooperation and harmony among the prohibition workers of different parts of the Province there be sent from this Council to the Executive Committee of every Branch of the Dominion Alliance a request that the said Executive Committee will communicate with the Executive Committee of this Council and endeavor to arrange for a provincial convention during the summer season, at which a deputy from the Executive of the Council may be present to consult with our friends and receive and give advice, information and expressions of fraternal sympathy.

(d) That the Council carefully further consider the question of the duty of electors in view of the present situation and make a deliberation thereon for the guidance of our friends in the bye-elections which are still to be held.

All of which is respectfully submitted. J. J. MACLAREN, F. S. SPENCE, Chairman Secretary.

The further consideration of this report was deferred, and on motion the Alliance received and adopted the Treasurer's report, which showed all expenses for the current year to have been met, leaving a balance of \$69.09 remaining on hand.

Mr. J. Jamieson laid before the Council a draft of the Scott Act amendment bill that had already been introduced by him in the House of Commons. The bill was referred to the committee on legislation.

A report from the business committee was received, fixing the hours of session, nominating committees on legislation, law enforcement, finance, resolutions, political action, and nominations, and referring different parts of the Executive report to their respective committees. The report was adopted and the Council adjourned till 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled in the afternoon at two o'clock, Hon. Mr. Vidal again presiding. Mr. Spence read the following report of the COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION.

Your committee on nominations recommend that the following be the officers for the ensuing year: President—Hon. Alexander Vidal, Senator, Sarina, Ont. Vice-President—Hon. S. H. Blake, Q. C., Toronto; Right Rev. Bishop Bond, Montreal; Right Rev. Bishop Baldwin, London, Ont.; Hon. S. L. Talley, Lieut. Gov., Fredericton, N. B.; Sir A. T. Galt, Montreal; Hon. James Ferner, Senator, Montreal; Hon. R. W. Scott, Senator, Ottawa; Hon. A. M. Girard, Senator, St. Boniface, Man.; Hon. A. R. McLellan, Senator, Hopewell, N. B.; Hon. D. Wark, Senator, Fredericton, N. B.; Hon. T. R. Melville, Senator, New Westminster, B. C.; Hon. S. Creelman, M. L. C., Halifax, N. S.; Hon. G. W. Ross, M. P. P., Toronto; Hon. J. C. Atkins, Lieut. Gov., Winnipeg, Man.; A. H. Gilmore, M. P., St. George, N. B.; W. McCraney, Oakville, Ont.; J. Scriver, M. P., Hamilton, Ont.; J. Jamieson, M. P., Almonte, Ont.; G. G. King, Chipman, N. B.; T. Robertson, Barrington, N. S.; James Reid, M. P., Carleton Place, Ont.; Hon. G. E. Foster, M. P., Ottawa, Ont.; S. A. Fisher, M. P., Knowlton, Que.; J. A. Kirk, M. P., Glenora, N. S.; Dr. Ferguson, M. P., Kamptville, Ont.; Chas. A. Everett, St. John, N. B.; Judge Jones, Brantford, Ont.; Judge Macdonald, Brantville, Ont.; Rev. Dr. Dewar, Toronto; Rev. A. A. Cameron, Winnipeg, Man.; Rev. J. McLeod, Fredericton, N. B.; Rev. E. Robinson, New Westminster, B. C.; Rev. Dr. Frazer, Victoria, B. C.; Rev. John Shaw, Toronto; Rev. W. Scott, Ottawa; Rev. Dr. Burns, Halifax, N. S.; Rev. J. L. McFarland, St. John, N. B.; Rev. D. L. Brantford, Brantford, Ont.; Rev. Archibald Lindsay, Waterloo, Que.; Rev. Dr. Potts, Toronto; T. S. Brown, Montreal; Jos. Burrell, Yarmouth, N. S.; W. H. Howland, Toronto; J. R. Dougal, Montreal; J. H. Flagg, Mitchell, Ont.; J. W. Manning, Toronto, Ont.; W. H. Lambly, Inverness, Que.; G. M. Ross, Toronto; J. T. Moore, Toronto; Andrew Cushing, St. John, N. B.; Patrick Monaghan, Halifax, N. S.; James Dobson, Toronto; John Macdonald, Toronto; J. J. MacLaren, Q. C., for Toronto; Hon. G. Stevens, Waterloo, Que.; Hon. G. Mowat, Toronto; J. A. Freeman, M. P., Rev. Jno. M. McLeod, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Rev. Alex. Sutherland, D. D., Toronto; Rev. R. Alder Temple, Halifax, N. S.

Corresponding Secretary—F. S. Spence, Toronto. Treasurer—W. H. Orr, Toronto. Recording Secretary—J. H. Carson, Montreal.

Executive Committee—J. J. MacLaren, Q. C.; W. H. Howland, John McMillan, O. J. Fleming, James Dobson, H. O'Hara, Rev. John Potts, D. D., John T. Moore, Rev. A. Sutherland, D. D., J. S. Robertson, Jacob Spence, of Toronto; J. R. Dougal, A. M. Featherstone, J. H. Cayford, of Montreal; S. A. Fisher, M. P., of Knowlton; Rev. W. Scott, Rev. John Wood, E. Starr, J. K. Stewart, Rev. A. P. McDiarmid, of Ottawa; W. W. Buchanan, of Hamilton.

The report was received, considered, and adopted by a unanimous vote, as

was also on motion of Rev. Mr. Ryan, the following:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL ACTION. Your committee recommend the adoption of resolutions c and d of the Toronto Convention, with slight verbal alterations, as follows:—

Resolved, that it is the duty of prohibitionists in every constituency to see that at every election, Parliamentary or Municipal, there is in the field a known and avowed prohibitionist candidate. If there be one and only such candidate in the field it is the duty of prohibitionists to vote for such candidate, and if they cannot do so at least to withhold their votes. If there is more than one candidate in the field, then shall the prohibitionists put forward one and vote for him.

Resolved, that it is the duty of prohibitionists to organize and league themselves together for the purpose of bringing the whole strength of the prohibition vote into active force in favor of immediate prohibition.

They also recommend the adoption of the principle contained in resolution (c) of said convention, providing for the organization of Electoral Associations to secure the election of Prohibition candidates.

In regard to resolution (f) of the said Toronto Convention, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

That as many staunch friends of temperance and of the work of the Alliance are known to be in favor of independent political action, as is shown by resolutions adopted at a convention of Prohibitionists held in Toronto in September last, while others think it would be wiser to work through existing political parties, this Council deems it inadvisable to formulate a deliberation on the subject at the present time.

Respectfully submitted. A. SUTHERLAND, Chairman. Mr. J. J. MacLaren then laid before the Council the following report of the COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

To the Council of the Dominion Alliance:— The Committee on Legislation beg leave to report that they have considered the various matters referred to them, and submit the following recommendations:—

1. That the action of the Executive and Legislative Committees in having the bill amending the Scott Act introduced so early in the session by Mr. Jamieson be approved.

2. That the Prohibition resolution introduced in the House of Commons last session be re-introduced this year.

3. That the resolutions of the Toronto Convention (a) (1) and (2) regarding Licensing Acts be approved, and the provincial branches of the Alliance urged to obtain the enactment of such provisions where they are not now in force.

4. That this Council declare itself in favor of woman's suffrage, and will extend its sympathy and support to the attainment of this object.

5. That the motion to amend the Summary Convictions Act by providing for the more effective punishment of witnesses who disobey subpoenas, be referred to the permanent Committee on Legislation with instructions to take such steps as may best secure the passage of such amendment.

6. That the Bill introduced by Mr. Jamieson be passed, with the exception of sections 5 and 7, and that a clause be added amending form E. of the schedule to the Act prescribing the form of the ballot paper so that it may read "For the Act" and "Against the Act," instead of "For the petition" and "Against the petition," as at present.

All of which is respectfully submitted. A VIDAL, JOHN J. MACLAREN, Chairman Secretary.

Section 5 of Mr. Jamieson's bill which this report proposed to drop, dealt with the matter of delay in voting in case of proposed repeals until the three years of Scott Act operation had nearly expired. This proposal had been met by a Government Order in Council. Clause 7 was intended to fix \$50 as the absolute penalty for a first offence against the Scott Act instead of making it the minimum penalty as it is at present. On motion of Mr. MacLaren the report was adopted as a whole.

On motion of Mr. J. J. MacLaren, seconded by Mr. J. Jamieson, the Council unanimously adopted the following:—

That inasmuch as experience has shown that in proceedings under the Summary Convictions Act, witnesses frequently, wilfully absent themselves, when duly subpoenaed, and the law at present does not provide any punishment for such contempt, that we endeavor to obtain such an amendment to the Summary Convictions Act as will give the same remedy as is provided in other acts with reference to similar contempt.

Resolved, further, that the Executive Committee be now appointed to draft a Constitution and By-laws for guidance in the organization, as far as possible, of Electoral Leagues in every county in the Dominion.

Resolved, further, that the said committee have power to print or have printed the said Constitution for the convenience of all county organizations.

The Finance Committee reported in favor of an assessment upon the provincial branches for the current year to cover useful expenses, also recommending the paying off of some arrearages for 1887, and an allowance to cover necessary expenses incurred by the secretary. The report was adopted and the meeting adjourned till the evening.

EVENING SESSION

The first business taken up by the Council at its evening meeting was the consideration of a resolution presented by Mr. J. K. Stewart and seconded by Mr. G. M. Rose, declaring in favor of the extension of the Dominion franchise to all persons 21 years of age resident in the constituency for which they voted. Dr. Sutherland moved an amendment declaring in favor of manhood suffrage with an educational qualification. During the debate on these resolutions some pretty sharp cross-firing took place between different members of parliament in reference to a vote that had been taken in the afternoon in the House of Commons on a motion introduced by Hon. Mr. Mills.

To it reference is elsewhere made in the CANADA CITIZEN. The discussion was participated in by Messrs. Jamieson, Foster, Fisher and Kirk, and threatened to be both prolonged and stormy. Harmony was restored by the chairman's ruling all matters foreign to the question before the house as out of order, and after some further discussion on the resolution and amendment both were withdrawn, it being considered inadvisable to deal with so important a matter without first giving time for its consideration and an opportunity for provincial branches of the Alliance to declare their opinion.

RESOLUTIONS. Rev. W. Scott, chairman of the committee on resolutions, presented a report, which was unanimously adopted, expressing (1) The duty of all prohibitionists to co-operate with and support the Dominion Alliance; (2) The great good done the temperance cause by the work of the W. C. T. U.; (3) The great importance of the declared sympathy with the prohibition movement of many great church bodies; (4) Warm appreciation of the valuable services to total abstinence and prohibition of the many existing temperance organizations; (5) Cordial thanks to the Alliance officers for the year's services; (6) Thanks to the Ottawa City Council for use of the hall in which the session was held; (7) Deep regret at the loss the cause has sustained in the death of the late Rev. John Smith, of Toronto.

After the report of the committee on resolutions had been disposed of, the Council, on motion of Mr. Manning, unanimously adopted the following report of the committee on

LAW ENFORCEMENT. To the Council of the Dominion Alliance. Your Committee on Law Enforcement have had under consideration the various sections of the Report of the Executive Committee that were referred to them, and they beg to report as follows:—

That we recommend that the deputation appointed to wait upon the Minister of Inland Revenue be requested to take into consideration the Order-in-Council by which the quantity of intoxicating liquors which may be taken out of bond was reduced, and if the same be in their opinion prejudicial to the operation of the Scott Act they shall be empowered to ask that the said order be revoked.

That the said deputation be also empowered to ask that the Order-in-Council appropriating the fines imposed for violation of the Scott Act be amended by adopting the scheme laid down in resolution (a) of the Executive report.

That the Council should in the strongest possible manner urge upon the friends of the Canada Temperance Act and all law-abiding citizens to aid all officials in the energetic enforcement of the Act.

That recommendation (b) be adopted as the opinion of this Council and be energetically urged upon the friends of the cause in all parts of the Dominion.

All of which is respectfully submitted. On motion of Mr. Spence, seconded by Rev. Dr. Sutherland, a resolution was adopted appointing Hon. Mr. Foster, Rev. Mr. Wood, and Rev. Mr. Scott, a special committee to communicate and co-operate with the permanent committee of the International Temperance Congress in reference to general action, which is being taken for the suppression of the liquor traffic with Native Races in different parts of the world.

Rev. Mr. Chambers brought before the meeting the question of the adoption of some method of making the meeting of the Council of the Alliance of more general interest and usefulness. He moved, seconded by Mr. Foster,