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The Annual Report.

On moving the adoption of the annual report the president said: "It affords me the greatest pleasure, at the conclusion of this my second year of office, to meet so large and representative a gathering of our members. This is by far the largest attendance in our history, and it is very gratifying to myself and your other officers.

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After referring to the change of scrutineers from the press representatives, and expressing the hope that the reporters' grant would be continued, Mr. Struthers went on to say: "We can heartily congratulate ourselves on the results of the past year. Although our membership has been somewhat reduced, owing to the ability and presseverance of your officers, the net reduction has not been sensely as serious as at first threatened.

The objected to the clause requiring eight days' notice for the board meetings, eight days' notice for the board meetings, in gift days' notice for the board meetings, and emergency meeting.

Mr. Tassie waved that point, and it was deeped unanimously, and Mr. Tassie was requested to assist the secretary in getting the bylaws into shape.

Mr. Overell and Mr. Savage were reare the auditors. A motion to remunerate the auditors and reporters was carried.

As the scrutineers were not prepared to report the meeting adjourned till 8 o'clock.

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Western Ontario Travelers Poll an Immense Vote.

President Struthers and His Ticket Victors by a Big Majority.

The New Officers and Executive—Mr. Struthers' Speech—Amendments to the Constitution.

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It was after 11 o'clock when the announcement was made that the returning efficer was ready to declare the result of the polls. By this time the banqueting hall held as large a crowd as it had at any time during the day. Never before has so much spirit been manifested. The friends of Mr. Struthers and the other candidates had worked hard and canvassed for their respective choices, and the result was the largest vote that has ever been polled by the association. The Dillon ticket was overwhelmingly defeated, not one of their number being elected.

The figures read by Returning Officer Overell were as follows:

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PLEBISCITE WORK.

St. Marys to Have a Mass Meeting on Tuesday.-Prisourrs in the Con-tral and the Mercer Vote for Prohibition.

A plebiscite mass meeting is announced for St. Marys on Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, in the town hall. It will be the final meet-ing before the vote.

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By request of Mr. W. T. Spence, and with the consent of Warden Massie, Mr. J. H. Snider, of the Helping Hand Mission, who at all times has access to the entral Prison, made a canvass on the proibition plebiscite of those at present in arcerated there. Mrs. O'Reilly, superin nedent of the Mercer Reformatory, also btained a vote of the unfortunate womer

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