

It may very well be that the temptation to designing politicians to make a stepping-stone of it for party interest will develop also. Our cause is too sacred, and has too great issues hanging upon it, to be allowed to become a football for party purposes.

4. *Distinctive Work.*—I believe the time has come when we need and should have a secretary of our own; not one who has the secretarial work of any other Alliance to perform, or who lives in some city remote from the capital of the country, but one who lives at Ottawa, and whose services are at the disposal of the Council for special lines of Dominion work.

His duty would be in the first place to do the secretarial work of the Council under the direction of the Executive; to advise with Alliances in the Provinces as to general lines of work; and, as being near the seat of government, to carry their representations to, and obtain information from, the proper departments. The counties and cities which are working for the adoption of the C. T. Act could send all petitions to him, and thus save a great deal of trouble and expense. He could see that these petitions were placed in the hands of the department, and could watch, probably facilitate, their progress through the initial stages, so important, and every step of which causes so much anxiety to the associations remote from the capital.

Many points will arise also in the enforcement of the Act in various counties, and these could be pressed to a conclusion by one upon the ground and authorized to represent the Alliance. He could also, if thought necessary, attend the various Provincial Alliance meetings to gain, as well as impart, very much useful information. I hope the Council will see its way clear to the selection of such an officer.

5. It should be the policy of the Alliance for the coming year to resist all encroachments upon the spirit or letter of the C. T. Act, and to press for the amendments thought necessary for its effective working. A lame Act is next to no Act at all. We are strong enough, and fortified with reason and justice, to demand that the Act be made thoroughly workable. And I do not think Parliament will refuse a request so reasonable and so evidently in the direction of good order and the execution of the public will.

Whatever assistance this Council can give, in the direction of enforcement of the law in the several counties and cities in which it either is or will be in force during the year, should be given. Upon the Provincial Alliances this duty will mainly fall, outside of the work of the authorities themselves; but by its influence of representation or protest, this Council may essentially aid the necessary and important work.

The policy inaugurated last year, and so successfully carried out, of polling all possible constituencies upon the Act, should be persevered in. Let us keep all we have gained, enforce the law wherever adopted, and wrest all possible territory from the traffic.

Mr. J. R. Dougall, Mr. W. G. Fee, and Rev. W. Scott, took part in the discussion that followed.

It was moved by Mr. Fee, seconded by Rev. W. Scott,

"That the suggestions made by Prof. Foster *in re* Alliance Work be submitted to the Special Committee appointed to consider, and report on the enforcement of the Scott Act, and that said Committee report to the Council this afternoon." Carried.

On motion the names of W. G. Fee, S. A. Fisher, M.P., and J. R. Dougall were added to the above-mentioned Special Committee.

Prof. Foster presented the Report of the Committee on Legislation, which was as follows:—

The Committee on Legislation beg leave to report,

"That in view of the recent decisions of the Supreme Courts *in re* The Liquor Cense Act, 1883, maintaining the constitutionality of those clauses which look to