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Every one who receives this paper is respectfully requested to read every part of it carefully. It is a journal that no Canadian temperance worker can afford to be without. The subscription price is almost insignificant. In the great impending campaign for prohibition in Ontario it will be of intense interest and great value.

IMMEDIATE LEGISLATION.

It is our imperative duty to refuse to accept as a settlement of the liquor question anything short of total prohibition. It is at the same time our right to expect the Legislature, pending the settlement of the question of jurisdiction, to exercise at once its unquestioned power of restriction, by such revision and improvement of the License Law as is manifestly reasonable, and much of which is absolutely necessary to remove unjust discrimination in favor of the liquor traffic as against the general public, and to make effective the plain intention of the law. Among the amendments which ought to be made are the following:

(a) A majority of the electors in a polling subdivision ought to have the right by a signed petition to prevent the renewal of a license in their locality at the end of a license year.

(b) The sale of liquor to minors ought to be absolutely prohibited. The law now allows sale to little children on orders from parents, guardians or employers.

(c) Persons to whom liquor has been sold unlawfully ought not to be punished if they give straightforward evidence in prosecutions against the law-breakers. Their present liability to punishment interferes badly with law enforcement.

(d) A municipal council ought not to have power to prevent the taking of a vote on the question of local prohibition. A twenty-five per cent. petition of the electors should compel the taking of a vote.

(e) There ought to be a change in the law which now makes a tavern license that has been issued unlawfully as valid and effective as if legally granted.

(f) Inspectors and magistrates ought not to have unlimited power to keep on continually imposing only first offence penalties upon offenders who have been many times convicted of law breaking.

(g) Provision ought to be made to prevent the continued renewal of licenses to persons who have been repeatedly convicted of violating the law.

A proposal to ask for these changes will be one of the matters to be considered at the approaching Provincial Convention. No doubt other suggestions of a similar kind will be made. Friends who propose attending that Convention ought to bring along with them suggestions of any further changes in the law which their experience has shown to be specially desirable.

CONVENTION CALL 1901.

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT MEETING.

The Annual Provincial Convention of the Dominion Alliance will be held at Toronto, in the **HORTICULTURAL PAVILION** beginning on **TUESDAY, JULY 9th. at 10 a.m.** and will probably close on the evening of the same day, or the following forenoon.

REDUCED RATES. SINGLE FARE.—Special reduced rates will be given by all railway lines. Each delegate will purchase on starting a single fare ticket to Toronto. He will also procure from the ticket agent a standard certificate filled up, showing that he has purchased said ticket. This certificate he will present to the Secretary of the convention, who will sign it. It will then entitle him to a return ticket free of cost. **Every delegate is urged to attend.** The standard certificate must be secured before starting, otherwise the free return cannot be secured. Those having to travel over roads operated by different companies should procure a certificate for each. The free return will be conditional upon our having three hundred delegates purchasing full fare tickets to the convention. Otherwise the railway companies will charge one-third of a single fare for return tickets. It is confidently anticipated, however, that there will be present many more than the number necessary to secure the free return.

REPRESENTATION.—The plan of representation to this convention is as follows:—Every church and society is entitled to two representatives, and each church and society having more than fifty members, is entitled to an additional delegate for each additional fifty.

The following organizations are entitled to representation on the basis named: County, City and Electoral District Prohibition Alliances, Leagues or Central Committees, Branches of the W.C.T.U., Divisions of the Sons of Temperance, Lodges of the I.O.G.T., Councils of the R. T. of T., Branches of the League of the Cross, Prohibition Clubs, any prohibition or temperance organizations, Church Congregations, Young Men's Christian Associations, Salvation Army Corps, Societies of Christian Endeavor, Epworth Leagues, Branches of St. Andrew's Brotherhood, Baptist Young People's Unions, and other young people's associations in connection with church work; Ontario members of the Council of the Dominion Alliance, elected from representative ecclesiastical, temperance and prohibition bodies, members of the Executive Committee of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, Ontario Members of Parliament and members of the Provincial Legislature in favor of prohibition, will also be members of the convention.

DELEGATES AND VISITORS.—It is specially requested that every organization appointing delegates will send a list of the names and addresses of such delegates to the Secretary of the Alliance at the earliest opportunity. The post card form enclosed, or any other, may be used for this purpose. Every delegate should also be notified, and informed of railway rates, and other matters set out in this circular.

The commodious gallery of the Pavilion will be reserved for the accommodation of persons coming to the convention who are not delegates, and all such may secure reduced rates on the plan above set out.

The Secretary will cheerfully and promptly furnish additional copies of this "Call," credential forms, or any further information in his possession to any friend applying for the same.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

F. S. SPENCE,
Secretary.

W. A. McKAY, D.D.,
President.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Prince Edward Island Provincial Prohibitory Law is in operation. Reports so far received are of an encouraging character. The new Act prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquor only in those parts of the province in which the Canada Temperance Act is in operation. The Canada Temperance Act covers the whole province excepting Charlottetown. Only in the city of Charlottetown, therefore, is the new measure taking effect.

This experiment will be watched with deep interest by all friends of prohibition. If the law is not set aside through some legal proceeding, it will show how far provincial prohibition can go towards checking intemperance. We have no doubt that under the Prince Edward Island law the liquor traffic will be limited and intemperance lessened much more than under a license system.

The law, however, will be unsatisfactory, because it cannot prohibit the free importation of liquor from other parts of the Dominion by those who desire to use it. Provincial prohibition is far better than license, but far short of the Dominion prohibition, for which we still must strive.

A STRONG TEAM.

Rev. J. H. Hector and Rev. P. S. McKillop, M. D., are carrying on a joint campaign of prohibition meetings throughout the western part of Ontario, with excellent results.

During the present month they will be at Niagara Falls, Thorold, St. Catharines, Brantford, Norwich, Tilsburg, Galt, Woolstock, Ingersoll, Exeter, Clinton, Goderich, Stratford, Listowel, Wingham, Mount Forest, Walkerton, and other important centres.

Dr. McKillop is a skilled organizer. Rev. Mr. Hector is well known as one of the most eloquent and stirring men on the prohibition platform. They make a strong combination and we earnestly urge our friends in every part of the province to do their best to make this movement a splendid success.

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