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DOMINION ALLIANCE.

MEETING OF THE QUEBEC BRANCH.

The Executive of the Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance held its regular monthly meeting on Monday last, the following gentlemen being present:—Mr. T. S. Brown, President, the Rev. R. Lindsay, the Rev. James McCaul, Messrs. J. R. Dougall, J. J. MacLaren, Q. C., J. B. Fudge, James Baylis, S. A. Abbott and the Secretary. It being announced that the Secretary's health was so impaired that he could not execute his duties to the full, those present promised to assist him all in their power in having the season's programme of work carried out. Mr. Gales will spend the remainder of the summer at Dixville, Q., and will there do as much as he may be able for, abstaining as much as possible from travelling and speaking. During the month of June the Secretary had attended a meeting of the Chateauguay County Alliance and addressed public meetings in that county. He had also conferred with the Secretaries of Shefford, Brome, and Missisquoi Alliances in reference to the requirements of the counties, and addressed several public meetings, but had been deterred by rain from attending a picnic held by the Stanstead County Alliance at East Hatley. Arrangements have been made for a meeting to organize the Pontiac County Alliance in Shawville on Thursday the 28th. Missisquoi County Alliance had fixed upon Cowansville as the place, and about the last week in August as the time for the third annual Alliance picnic.

"County Alliances and their relations to the Provincial Branch," was the chief subject of discussion by the meeting, and it was introduced by a paper read by the chairman of the committee on outside work. The paper pointed out the difficulties of securing the attendance of members of the County Committees at their business meetings. On this the following suggestions were made: 1. Hold such meetings not oftener than once in three months, and

at different points in the county. 2. Endeavor to make each meeting locally interesting and important—a tea provided by lady friends and an evening public meeting would be means to this end. 3. Have an established order of business, embracing a series of questions covering the entire work of the Alliance and invite remarks thereon. Some members should be prepared to introduce one of the topics suggested by the questions at each meeting. 4. Notify the Secretary of the Provincial Branch of each quarterly meeting, and secure, if possible, a representation from the Branch, the County Alliance paying travelling expenses. There should be a communication from this Branch to each meeting of every County Alliance. The paper further urged the Branch to render all possible help to County Alliances in securing speakers for public meetings, and in reference to the enforcement of the law. The Secretary was instructed to bring the above suggestions before the County Alliances. The President urged the importance of County Alliances carrying out the plan proposed last year of securing a representation from every church or congregation at the county meetings, thus giving the County Alliances representative character and value.

The Rev. J. A. Newnham was appointed to represent this branch of the Alliance at the Pontiac meeting on Thursday, and Messrs. Dougall and Baylis were appointed, in response to a request for help, to assist at a series of public meetings in Argenteuil in July.

Attention was called by the Secretary to the forthcoming "Alliance Year-Book, 1883." The committee charged with its preparation had endeavored to collect the most interesting facts of the year on the subject of temperance, to bring the information down to the latest possible date, and in general to provide a manual that will be valuable and indispensable to the friends of temperance in Canada. The importance of such an annual, to enable subscribers to the Alliance to obtain full information regarding its work, was recognized, and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy to each subscriber to the Quebec Branch and to each clergyman in this province. A number will also be kept on sale and will be furnished to County Alliances and individuals ordering fifty or more at cost price.

Difficulty in collecting subscriptions was reported, yet encouraging progress had been made and it was hoped necessary funds for the year's work would not be lacking.

TEMPERANCE COLONIZATION.

Some of the leading members of the Temperance Colonization Company having been recently in Moosejaw, North-West Territory, which town is to be its headquarters, the *Moosejaw News* availed itself of the opportunity to obtain information of the objects and prospects of the Company. As to the motives of the projectors of the temperance colony, Mr. Arthur Farley said:—"What induced us to assist in promoting the Company was to secure for all time a portion of our Dominion from the very first free from the blighting curse of intoxicating liquors. We therefore applied

to the Government, and had allotted to us two million acres of the most fertile portion of the North-West. We also secured the following clause under the great seal of the Dominion:—"With power to contract with purchasers and settlers of the lands that intoxicating liquors or alcoholic beverages shall not be manufactured or sold in the settlement." This the Directors are determined to carry out." Mr. J. N. Lake, Land Commissioner and a director of the Company, said they expected from a hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty settlers this season. Some from Ontario spent the winter in Prince Albert and were now busily engaged in seeding. The settlers are nearly all from Ontario, thrifty and in comfortable circumstances. There will be three very fine settlements, the principal one at Saskatoon, the next at Saskatchewan and the third at Bright Water. Of the land, Mr. Charles Turner, one of the directors, said:—"The land is rich, sandy and clay loam on a clay foundation, therefore the heat of the day is retained through the night. There are more than seventeen hours per day of sunlight, making the summer as warm as the south of France, which matures vegetation with great rapidity. It has dry weather in the spring, which permits early seeding, then the moisture with heat comes just at the right time, which secures great results. Timber is sufficient for a time. Materials for building—lime, stones and sand—are found for all necessary requirements. Good water is abundant in the territory, we are informed. There are no summer frosts in this part of this fertile valley." Mr. Henry O'Hara, chairman of the Company's railway committee, said they expected several railways through their lands, which afforded the only two good railway crossings on the South Saskatchewan for over one hundred and fifty miles. Already three railways were projected through their lands. With regard to means of communication until a railway taps the region, teams go by trail to the Elbow, and thence along the river to Saskatoon, the intended capital of the colony. This trail is one of the best in the North-West, and as soon as a steamer is on the river settlers can go from the Elbow down the Saskatchewan to any part of the colony. In the meantime, the Company will put on a team or teams to do freighting from Moosejaw to Saskatoon, making the round trip once in two weeks. This temperance colonization project is exceedingly important as an experiment, and we hope it will be well-managed, as it claims to possess all the material conditions of success. A community free from the liquor curse from the beginning ought to become a noble example to the nation in every good respect. We notice that the Company comes in for much abuse in various quarters, being charged with misleading people as to its property. Sensible people will, however, not condemn any more than they will implicitly confide in the Company without taking all available means of obtaining correct information in regard to the whole project.

TWO GERMAN MISSIONARIES have recently been murdered in Zululand.

NEWS AND NOTES.

The Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance offers to theological students a prize of fifty dollars for the best, and one of twenty-five dollars for the second best essay on the subject, "Alcoholic Drinks in their Relation to Religion and Morals." The essays are to contain not less than five thousand words, and to be submitted on or before the first of November next. A first prize of Chambers' Encyclopedia worth twenty-five dollars, a second of fifteen dollars and a third of ten dollars are also offered to boys and girls under sixteen years of age, on the subject, "Total Abstinence as an Aid to Success in Life." These essays are to contain about two thousand five hundred words, and to be sent in between the fifteenth of September and the first of October. Both series are confined to students attending college in the Province of Quebec, or boys and girls living or attending school therein. The essays are to be sent to the Rev. Thomas Gales, Secretary Dominion Alliance, Montreal. It would develop literary talent throughout the Dominion, and lead to much thought by the young upon temperance questions, if the ruling bodies of all our temperance organizations offered prizes annually for temperance essays.

At a meeting of representatives of all the Roman Catholic temperance societies of Montreal, it was decided that a convention was necessary in order to united effort in the cause. Accordingly it was resolved to summon the first regular meeting of the Council of the various societies to meet on Tuesday, July 10th.

Liquor is a forbidden article of trade at Neepigon, Thunder Bay, under the law prohibiting its sale in the neighborhood of public works. Lately, however, a passenger steamer calling there threw its bar open to the residents, and the result was many of the Pacific Railway navvies drank away their senses. It is said the bar-tender will not be prosecuted if he does not repeat the offence.

A picnic was held at Hatley on the twenty-first of June, under the auspices of the Alliance of Stanstead county. The Compton brass band enlivened the proceedings with music. The Rev. Mr. Adams, President of the Alliance, presided, and short and stirring addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Shortt, of Compton, the Rev. Mr. Purkiss, of Waterville, the Rev. Messrs. Wheatley and Bean, of Hatley, Mr. H. W. Rider, of Fitch Bay, and Mr. Gamble, of Hatley. Letters of regret at not being able to attend were read from Mr. C. C. Colby, M.P., and the Rev. Mr. McAuley, and the absence of Mr. Gales, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, was regretted by the managers of the picnic. Wet weather in the forenoon had the effect of reducing the attendance, but otherwise the picnic is considered to have been a success.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

Russell and Carleton County Lodge lately met at Fallowfield, and the proceedings were of an interesting character.