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THE SCOTT ACT IN PARLIAMENT.

A Resolution Regarding it Voted Down—The Government Will Not Take Charge of a Bill to Amend the Act.

In the House of Commons at Ottawa on Tuesday last when the orders of the day were reached, and Sir Chas. Tupper moved that the House go into committee on supply, Mr. Mills offered the following amendment:—"That this House do not now go into committee, but that it be resolved that in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the ministry to submit to Parliament a measure embracing such provisions as will remove all legal impediments to the efficient working of the Canada Temperance Act." After a somewhat lively debate participated in by Messrs. Mills, Macdonald (Sir John), Laurier, Jamieson, Scriver, Macdonald (Huron), Freeman, Fisher, Wilson (Elgin), Foster and Davies, a division was taken with the following result:—

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bain (Wentworth) Barron, Beausoleil, Bernier, Bourassa, Bowman, Brien, Burdett, Cartwright (Sir Richard), Casey, Casgrain, Davies, Doyon, Edgar, Eisenhauer, Ellis, Fisher, Geoffrion, Gilmor, Guay, Hale, Holton, Innes, Jones (Halifax), Kirk, Landerkin, Lang, Langelier (Montmorency), Laurier, Livingston, Lovitt, Macdonald (Huron), Mackenzie, McIntyre, McMillan (Huron), Mills (Bothwell), Mitchell, Paterson (Brant) Perry, Prefontaine, Purcell, Rinfret, Robertson, Rowand, Rykert, Marie, Scriver, Semple, Somerville, Sutherland, Trow, Turcot, Watson, Weldon (St. John), Wilson (Elgin), Wright, Yeo.—67.

NAYS—Messrs. Amyot, Audet, Bain (Soulanges), Baird, Bergeron, Bowell, Boyle, Brown, Bryson, Cameron, Carling, Carpenter, Caron (Sir Adolphe), Chapleau, Chisholm, Chinard Cimon, Cochrane, Cockburn, Colby, Costigan, Coughlin, Coulombe, Couture, Curran, Daly, Daoust, Davin, Davis, Dawson, Denison, Desaulniers, Desjardins, Desaint, Dickinson, Dupont Ferguson (Leeds and Grenville), Ferguson (Renfrew), Ferguson (Welland), Foster, Freeman, Girouard, Godbout, Gordon, Guilbault, Guillet, Haggart, Hall, Henderson, Hesson, Hickey, Hudspeth, Jamieson, Jones, Jones (Digby), Kenny, Kirkpatrick, Labrosse, Landry, Langevin (Sir Hector), Laurie, Macdonald (Sir John), McDowall, McCulla, McDonald (Victoria) McDougald (Pictou), McDougall (Cape Breton), McKay, McKeon, McLelan, McMillan (Vaudreuil) McNeill, Madill, Mara, Mason, Mills (Annapolis), Montague, O'Brien, Patterson (Essex), Perley (Assiniboia), Perley (Ottawa), Pope, Porter, Prior, Putnam, Reid, Robillard Ross, Royal, Rykert, Scarth, Shanly, Small, Smith (Ontario), Temple, Therrien, Thompson, Tupper (Sir Charles), Tyrwhitt, Wallace, Ward, Weldon (Albert), White (Cardwell) White (Renfrew), Wilmot, Wilson, (Argenteuil), Wilson (Lennox), Wood (Brockville), Wood (Westmoreland)—109.

The discussion was carried on to a large extent on party lines, several of the Liberals who took part taunting the Conservatives with refusing to vote for a temperance resolution, and the Conservatives in turn accusing the Liberals of attempting to make party capital out of the prohibition question. It will be noticed that the division was a party one the question being almost tantamount to a motion of want of confidence in the government. We trust that it is not in any sense an indication of what is likely to be the fate of the Jamieson amendment bill when that measure comes before the House.

Ontario Good Templar Notes.

THE returns received at the Grand Secretary's office during the month of February indicate an improvement in the tone and work of the lodges reporting

The largest lodge to report during the month of February was Hope of Parkdale which has been doing a splendid work for a year past— a thoroughly practical work

District lodge *per capita* for the three months ended 1st inst., will be paid over about the 20th. There is ground for fearing that some of the District Lodges do not yet fully understand their true position in the Good Templar system

Bro. Edward Dawson has sent in reports of the following organization since February 1st: Staffa Lodge No 173, A. C. Jones, L.D.; Bluevale Lodge No 174 Charles Herbert, L.D.; Lifeboat Lodge No. 26, Gorrie, C. C. Kane, L.D.; Carlingford Lodge No. 178, J. W. Harper, L.D.; Summervale Lodge No 175, Fullerton, Angus Campbell, L.D Shakespeare Lodge, No. 412, Rev. John McClung, L.D.; Sebringville Lodge No. 179 A. T. Bell, L.D.; Bethel Lodge No 180, Mitchell, Wm. Munro, L.D.; Rathbone Reclaim Lodge No. 778, Joseph Pettigrew, L.D.

Grand Secretary Lawless recently organized Simcoe Lodge No. 200, at the town of Simcoe, John Gunton, L.D.

Twenty-seven lodges have been organized or revived by Bro. Edward Dawson this winter, and he says the woods are full of them yet.

Several Ontario Lodges have adopted the suggestion made by the Grand Secretary a year ago and are holding gospel temperance meetings on Sunday afternoons. In every instance the lodges doing so are prospering and the temperance work around them is rising to a higher moral plane.

DOMINION ALLIANCE—ONTARIO BRANCH.

CONVENTION CALL 1888.

19-21 RICHMOND STREET EAST, TORONTO,
MARCH, 1888.

TO ALL WHO FAVOR OUR CAUSE:

The Annual Convention for 1888 of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, for the suppression of the Liquor Traffic, will be held in the **Temperance Hall, Temperance Street, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20th and 21st, commencing on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m.**

It is expected that this meeting will be unusually large and interesting. Arrangements have been made to secure the co-operation of all classes of temperance workers, and discussions upon the different questions connected with the prohibitory movement will be initiated by prominent gentlemen of ability and experience

There will be three sessions of the Convention each day, all of which will be open to the public, but only members and delegates will be expected to take part in the discussions and voting. The public are cordially invited to attend.

This circular is sent to all temperance societies, to church organizations, and to known temperance workers. The bodies named are earnestly requested to elect delegates to the Convention, and all who desire to aid the great prohibition movement are invited to become Alliance members. Cards entitling members and delegates to the privileges of the Convention may be secured by application to the Secretary.

Members and friends of the Alliance in other provinces are cordially invited to attend, and will be accorded full privileges in all discussions, etc., as visiting members.

REDUCED FARES.

All the principal railways have agreed to issue return tickets to parties attending the Convention for ONE FIRST-CLASS FARE AND A THIRD. To secure this reduction, parties purposing attending the Convention must procure certificates to that effect, signed by the Secretary of the Alliance, and present them *at the commencement of their journey*. These tickets will be issued from March 17th to 20th, and will be good to return up to March 23rd **The necessary certificates will be promptly furnished by the Secretary to parties applying for them and entitled to receive them.**

The Alliance, as an organization, is not in any sense in competition with any other organization. It is simply the Legislative Committee of the various temperance societies and workers It is composed of members and delegates Any temperance or church organization that contributes annually one dollar or upwards to the funds of the Alliance is considered a branch, and has a right to send to the Convention one delegate for every dollar so contributed. In addition to the delegates so constituted, any temperance worker approving of the objects of the Alliance may become a member by paying one dollar or more. All members contributing one dollar and a half or more, are entitled to receive free THE CANADA CITIZEN, the organ of the Alliance.

Delegates and other members may, upon application to the Secretary, obtain certificates entitling them to reduced rates of travel to attend the Alliance Conventions, they have all equal privileges of speaking and voting at the Convention The Alliance funds are used solely for the furtherance of Scott Act and other prohibitory work. The money is carefully expended for this purpose, and although the Alliance operations have been somewhat restricted for want of money, much has been accomplished Those in sympathy with the prohibition movement are *earnestly requested* to contribute as liberally as their circumstances will permit.

Friends are earnestly requested to give this announcement as wide a circulation as possible. Ministers will oblige by calling the attention of their congregations to it, and officers of Temperance Societies by laying it before their respective organizations. To this grand Canadian Prohibition Parliament we cordially invite every well-wisher of the great Temperance Reform.

W. H. HOWLAND, President.
F. S. SPENCE, Secretary.

THE COMING CAMPAIGN.

SIMCOE, Dufferin, Bruce, Huron, Renfrew, Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry, are in line of fight on the question of Scott Act repeal Our good friends are working hard and will do all that can be done to resist the audacious attempt of the liquor-traffic to bring under its sway the territory that has already been emancipated from its cruel tyranny Voting days have been fixed for Bruce and Renfrew, and the dates for the other counties will doubtless be gazetted soon It is true that the Halton defeat will to some extent put new life into our opponents, but it cannot put strength into their beaten cause If our friends but earnestly, unitedly trust in God and do their duty, the month of April will bring a Waterloo defeat for the liquor party of Ontario

A Good Man Gone.

WE regret very much to have to chronicle the death of William McK Gatchell, the well known secretary of the National Prohibition Bureau Mr. Gatchell had resigned his position to act as agent for the National Law and Order League, and went to Washington some days ago to consult with the leaders of that organization While at Washington he died suddenly of heart disease. Our departed brother was one of the most enthusiastic of the prohibition workers in New York city. He had been on the staff of the *Voice*, and at one time was editor and proprietor of the *American Reformer*. His place in the Law and Order League has been taken by Mr. Frank C. Smith, who recently spoke in the pavilion at Toronto with marked effect.

THE NEW PARTY.

A Convention to organize a New Political Party will assemble in

SHAFTESBURY HALL, TORONTO.

ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21st, AT 2 O'CLOCK

The Provisional Committee invite the attendance of Electors from all parts of the Dominion who favor the proposal, and who are willing to organize on the basis of the following

PLATFORM.

1 Righteousness and Truth in public affairs as well as in private business and no compromise with wrong 2. Equal Rights for all Creeds, Classes and Nationalities, but exclusive privileges to none. 3. A National Sentiment, a National Literature, and in all matters of public policy—Our Country First. 4 The Prompt and Absolute Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic, as the objective point of Temperance Legislation; in the meantime the honest and vigorous enforcement of the Scott Act, and of all other laws for the repression of Vice and Intemperance 5 Retrenchment and Economy in Public Expenditure, with the view of reducing our enormous National Debt. 6 Manhood Suffrage, with an educational qualification; that is, a vote to every freeman of legal age who can read and write 7. The Extension of the Franchise to Women 8 An Elective Senate. 9. Civil Service Reform.

Electors who purpose being present are requested to send Name, Post Office address and County before the 14th of March, when Card of Admission will at once be forwarded

Address
CHAIRMAN PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE,
82 King St. East, Toronto.

County of Frontenac.

INSPECTOR John Dawson prosecuted during the month of February in the following cases:—

Mrs. P. Beaupre	Portsmouth	1st offence	$ 0
James Lee	Murvale	"	50
James Barrett	Portsmouth	"	50
Michael Crowley	"	"	50
Edward Abbamas	Verona	"	50
A. W. Burch	"	"	Dism'd
Carrie Ida	Elginburg	"	"
Wm. Knapp	Sydenham	2nd offence	$50
Edward Beaupre	Portsmouth	"	Dism'd
Wm. McDonnell	"	3d offence	"

Four other cases await hearing.

To Gaol.

ON Wednesday, 7th inst., at Georgetown, Police Magistrate Young held court to enquire into charges against some Scott Act violators. The notorious Robert Bennett was convicted of a third offence, sentenced to two months' imprisonment, and is now serving out that term in Milton gaol. George Gibbs and Charles Cooper were each fined $75 and costs. Cooper paid up his penalty on the spot. A charge of perjury was also laid against Cooper and he was committed for trial. Mr. E Scholf, barrister, of Toronto, prosecuted in the cases of Bennett and Gibbs, and Mr. Matheson, County Attorney, in the case of Cooper.

Watering the Whiskey.

THE water in the river is lower than it has been for several years. The grist mill is just running, and no more. The woolen factories at Glen Tay and Port Elmsley also complain of low water The rigid enforcement of the Scott Act in this vicinity is probably the cause. —*Renfrew Mercury.*

A Big Haul.

ALL the St. Thomas hotel keepers, 22 in number, appeared in the police court on Monday last, charged with violation of the Scott Act. Twenty of the gentlemen pleaded guilty to a second offence, and paid a fine of $50 each and costs. The other two pleaded guilty to a first offence, and contributed $50 each to the Scott Act enforcement fund.

Says a Frenchman who has lived in America for some years, "When they build a railway the first thing they do is break the ground. This is done with great ceremony Then they break the shareholders. This is done without ceremony."

The Alliance Council.

THE ANNUAL MEETING AT OTTAWA

A Rally of Red-hot Prohibitionists—Last Year's Work Reviewed—Plans for Further Aggressive Action—The House of Commons to be Polled Again—Scott Act Amendments to be Pressed

THE regular annual meeting of the Council of the Dominion Alliance was held in the City Hall, at Ottawa, on Tuesday last.

At 10 o'clock a.m. Hon. A. Vidal, President, took the chair. Proceedings were opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. W. W. Carson.

Although the convention was not as large as some of those formerly held in the same place, it was marked with unusual earnestness, anxiety for the furtherance of the work in hand and determination to push on towards the Alliance goal of total prohibition. The harmony and good feeling of the Council secured the transaction of a great deal of important business with remarkable expedition. Among those who were present may be named Hon. A Vidal, J. J. McLaren, Q.C., J. W. Manning, Hon Geo. E. Foster, M P J. Jamieson, M P, Rev. Dr. Sutherland, G. M. Rose, Rev. W. W. Carson, J. A. Kirk, M.P, J. M. T. Ivanhum, J. N Freeman, M P, H. O'Hara, Rev. W W Ryan, John Lamb, W. Wilson, M P, Richard Craig, Charles C. Colby, M.P., Rev. W. H Manson, Rev. G. M. Clark, John Laing, F. Madill, M.P., Dr. Macdonald, M.P, Rev W W. Cruthers, Rev John Scanlon, James Harper, Rev John Wood, J. K. Stewart, Rev. Wm Scott, Rev. A. B. Chambers, Richard Stewart, J. H. Carson, J W Cayford, F Hamilton, J. R. Dougall, J. Scriver, M.P., Rev. S. D. Chown, Rev. A. P. McDiarmid, Rev. A. Grant, S A. Fisher, M.P., Joseph Skinner, Richard Crain, Donald Mason, J McMillan, M.P, J Armstrong, Dr. J. Bryan, E. B. Taggart, J. B. Hemmeon, D. Henderson, M P., W. D. Perley, M.P., J. P. Halkett, J. G. Howe.

The President read a letter from W. H. Howland expressing cordial sympathy with the meeting, from which he regretted his enforced absence.

A committee on business was appointed, consisting of H O'Hara, F. S. Spence, J T. Halkett, Rev. John Wood and Rev. Dr. Sutherland. The President being compelled to attend to some parliamentary business Mr. J. J. McLaren, vice president, was called to the chair. Mr McLaren then presented the following REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:—

YOUR executive committee beg respectfully to lay before you a report of another year's work, in view of which we have today abundant reason for thankfulness and encouragement.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

Seven meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the year. Some of these were very largely attended, and every phase of temperance agitation, and every movement of our friends and enemies was closely watched and carefully considered.

OUR CAUSE IN PARLIAMENT.

In accordance with the recommendation made by you at your last annual meeting a resolution was prepared and introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. Jamieson in the following terms. "That in "the opinion of this House it is expe-"dient to prohibit the manufacture, im-"portation, and sale of intoxicating "liquors, except for sacramental, medi-"cinal, scientific and mechanical pur-"poses. That the enforcement of such "prohibition, and such manufacture, im-"portation and sale as may be allowed, "shall be by the Dominion Government "through specially appointed officers." This resolution came up for discussion in the House of Commons on Monday evening, June 13th. Mr. Cargill moved to amend it by the substitution of a resolution providing for the total repeal of the Scott Act. The motion was defeated by a vote of 145 to 38. Mr. Girouard moved an amendment exempting wine and beer from the operation of the Scott Act. This proposition was negatived by a vote of 146 to 37 Mr Sproule moved an amendment providing for compensation for discarded liquor-dealers. To this motion