

2. We also recommend that immediate steps be taken to petition the Dominion Parliament or Provincial Legislature, for a law prohibiting the sale of cigars, cigarettes, and every other form of tobacco, to persons under sixteen years of age.

GEO. DOUGLAS, *Chairman*.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSFERS.

The Committee on Transfers beg leave to report that the various memorials and resolutions that were referred to them have come under review, and have received careful consideration. They respectfully submit the following recommendations:—

1. Concerning a resolution moved by Rev. Geo. Richardson, to the effect that the Transfer Committee shall not transfer a minister into a Conference unless a minister of similar standing be transferred out of said Conference, except when such transfer is requested by the properly appointed representative of the Conference affected thereby; your Committee recommend that no action be taken.

2. Concerning a resolution moved by Rev. Dr. D. G. Sutherland, asking this Committee to declare and define the powers of the Transfer Committee, your Committee, believing that such powers are sufficiently defined by the constitution of the Transfer Committee, recommend that no action be taken.

3. Concerning a second resolution moved by Rev. Dr. D. G. Sutherland, asking that paragraph 129 of the Discipline be amended so that the Transfer Committee shall have power, under certain circumstances, to deal with cases brought before it, where the notices required by clauses 2, 3 and 4 of said paragraph have not been given, your Committee recommend that no action be taken.

4. Your Committee recommend that the memorial of the Niagara Conference be granted, and that it shall be the duty of the Chairman of a District in which a transferred man has been stationed during the previous year to report to the President of the Conference to which such minister has been transferred, whether or not in his case the usual disciplinary questions concerning character and standing have been satisfactorily answered. Nevertheless, this shall not be necessary in cases where the transfer does not take effect until after the usual examination of character in the Conference out of which the transfer is made.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WAKEFIELD, *Chairman*.

W. J. FORD, *Secretary*.

### REPORT OF THE UNION CHURCH RELIEF FUND, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO THE 15TH AUGUST, 1890.

Your Committee met in Toronto, for the first time, on the 2nd December, 1887, when a large number of claims were gone over and considered, and the Treasurer was appointed to act with a member of each Conference in investigating all the applications for relief, and report as soon as possible.