

Temperance News.

CANADIAN.

The temperance people of Toronto are warmly sustaining the action of their license commissioners, in refusing licenses to take effect upon the Island.

A council of Royal Templars has been organized in Picton, Ont.

A branch of the Church of England Temperance Society has been formed at Trenton, Ont.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The National Division of North America held its annual session in Ocean Grove, N. J., during the past week. There was a large attendance from the different States and Provinces, and the reports of officers shew a large increase in members.

An application has been received by the Grand Scribe for a charter to open a new division in the township of Moore, county of Lambton, to be called Riverside Division No. 103. This will make six divisions organized in this county within a few weeks.

The quarterly installation of officers of Subordinate Divisions took place during the past few weeks, and the returns so far received by the Grand Scribe show an increase of members.

Three new Divisions of the Order have lately been organized. Salem Division No. 95 at Black Creek, county of Lambton, by W. T. Henry, County D. G. W. P., with sixteen members. Rose of the Forest Division No. 102, township of Sombra, county of Lambton, by Bro. T. Green, D. G. W. P., with fourteen members. Town Line Division No. 169 at Markdale, county of Grey, by Thomas McMurray, Prov. D. G. W. P., with twenty-nine members.

The returns from Subordinate Divisions for the quarter ending March, showed an increase of over six hundred members, over the number returned for the quarter, ending December last.

The Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia are doing a splendid work. We clip the following from the *Watchman*, their official organ:—

"Our old Order of the Sons during the past twenty-five years has scattered Temperance lectures, papers and tracts innumerable among the settlements and homes of Nova Scotia. The wisdom of such efforts is amply verified by the pleasing results at home and abroad. With the exception perhaps of Maine and Vermont, no State or Province is our equal in sobriety and Temperance sentiment. The average consumption of intoxicants per head is far less with us than with any other part of the Dominion; and the solid phalanx of Active Divisions, Lodges and Church Temperance Societies in every community is a proof that the principles of Total Abstinence are dear to tens of thousands of our people. No greater calamity could happen our country than for the temperance people to leave it, or even for the Temperance Societies to disband. Thank Heaven no such danger awaits us. We are stronger, more united, and vigorous to-day than ever before, and the most distant hamlets feel the throb of active temperance life.

C. T. A. UNION.

On Tuesday morning, the 10th inst., the delegates in attendance at annual session of the New Brunswick Catholic Total Abstinence Union, attended the annual High Mass in St. Dunstan's Church. Rev. Father Quillet, of St. John, was celebrant, and Rev. Father Bradley, of this city, preached an eloquent sermon on the occasion.

The various sessions of the Union were fully attended by representatives from various portions of the Province, and the local deputies submitted reports of the work in the Union in their respective localities. Very satisfactory reports were presented by the Secretary and by the Treasurer. The Union is doing a noble work throughout the Province, and the total enrolment of members shows a respectable increase over that of last year. Considerable time was devoted to a discussion upon the Constitution, and some amendments were made. An address to be published and circulated among the Catholics of the Province, calling upon them to rally to the support of the Union was unanimously adopted. One feature in it is to encourage the formation of cadet Unions, in order to enlist the sympathy and support of the boys.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Rev. A. Ouellet, Spiritual Director.

John P. McGrory, Portland, President.

James Magee, Fredericton, 1st Vice-President.

E. O. Dugan, Fairville, 2nd Vice-President.

James Berry, Portland, Recording Secretary.

John Boden, Portland, Corresponding Secretary.

Thomas B. Foley, St. John, Financial Secretary.

Thomas Bourke, Portland, Treasurer.

M. Purcell, Milltown, Sergeant-at-arms.—*Fredericton Reporter*.

I. O. G. TEMPLARS.

The seventeenth annual session of the Loyal Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T. was held in Bridgewater, Lunenburg Co., last week. The following officers were present:

G. W. C. T.—P. J. Chisholm.

G. W. S.—I. J. Hingley.

G. W. Treas.—Dr. Black.

G. W. Mar.—J. A. Simpson.

G. Asst. Secy.—C. A. Totten.

Quite a large number of representatives received the Grand Lodge Degree. The Officers' Reports showed that the Order is in a healthy state, fifteen Lodges having been organized, and one resuscitated since last annual session. The following extracts will show the numerical strength of the Order:

Number of members last year.....	1,980
" " " admitted during the year.....	1,227
" " " " by card.....	3
	3,210
" " " lost by removals, resignations, expulsions and deaths.....	609
Total membership, now.....	2,601

We may here remark that the total membership of this order throughout the world is 290,790.

The report of the Committee on legal action condemned the new License Law, and recommended the adoption of the Canada Temperance Act wherever practicable. The report was adopted.

The following are the officers for the current year:

G. W. C. T.—P. J. Chisholm, Truro, Col., Chester County.

G. W. C.—J. N. Mack, Mill Village, Queen's County.

G. W. V. T.—Mrs. D. Calder.

G. W. S.—I. J. Hingley, Oxford, Cumberland County.

G. W. Treas.—Dr. C. A. Black, Amherst, Cumberland Co.

G. W. Chap.—Rev. M. W. Brown, New Germany, Lunenburg Co.

G. W. Mar.—Auley Morrison, Maitland, Hants Co.

G. W. Guard.—Mrs. A. Spear, Truro.

G. W. Asst. Sec'y—T. T. Davis.

G. W. Dep. Mar.—Annie Reinhardt.

G. W. Mes'ger.—I. Logan Barnhill.

Gen. Supt. Juvenile Temples.—M. O. Smith, Couquerall Bank, Lunenburg.

A large and enthusiastic public temperance meeting was held on Tuesday evening, in the Presbyterian Church. The next annual session will be held at Annapolis.—*Watchman*.

MR. RODDEN, whose appointment as organizing agent for the I. O. G. T. we noticed last week, goes on his mission in a few days. Friends desiring help either in organizing or resuscitating lodges, or who can give him any information likely to be of assistance in this work, will confer a favor by writing particulars to W. H. Rodden, 8 King St. East, Toronto.

UNITED STATES.

THE PROGRESS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.—Seventeen States had prohibition by Constitutional Amendment prominently before their legislatures during the last session. It was passed by both branches in Maine and Oregon, the Senate in New Jersey, and the House in West Virginia and Indiana. The vote in several other states was close.—*Alert*.

Ottawa, Kansas, has a population of over 5,000. The prohibition law is strictly enforced. The city is quiet because there are no saloons to create drunken rows. The city has a marshal and a night watchman.

Crawford County has not an open saloon within its borders, and yet it shows an increase in population during the past year of 1,647. This too in spite of the statement made by Gov. Glick last fall that prohibition is depopulating the State. The governor will notice the figures.—*Girard Press*.

Winnifield has a population of 4,000 with the prohibitory law enforced. The city has no police except the marshal, who has been made street commissioner to keep him employed. The city is rushed with business, and is exempt from drunken rows.—*Ex*.

Four more counties in Georgia have voted no rum, and by overwhelming majorities.