

After the initiatory ceremony Representative James E. Hennigar invited the G. D. to visit Canning Division this evening. The invitation was accepted.

P. G. W. P. Longley, Chairman, read the report of the committee on the state of the order.

On motion of G. S., seconded by Deputy Farnham, the report was considered by sections. These—twelve in number—were passed seriatim, and then the report as a whole was adopted as follows:

CANNING, G. D. Room, Jan. 28th, 1875.

The Committee upon the State of the Order beg leave to report that they have perused with great interest the reports of the G. W. P. and G. S. and other official papers placed in their hands, and from the facts embodied in them as well as from their general tenor, they feel themselves justified in coming to the conclusion that the Order throughout the jurisdiction is in a healthy and progressive condition.

Three new Divisions have been instituted since the Annual Session. Two of these have been instituted by the Provincial Deputy, Bro. P. G. W. P. Hutchings and one by Deputy Br. A. Hart, of Guysborough. The whole No. of Divisions now working is 165; the entire membership about 10,000.

In the judgment of your Committee no instrumentality is likely to be more efficacious for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating drinks than that of the "destruction clause" embodied in the amendments of the license law passed last winter. The energetic carrying out of this law on the part of the friends of temperance would rid the country from the curse of the traffic in rum. In the present state of things the blame must rest mainly upon the friends of temperance if the traffic is not stamped out effectually.

In this view of things a grave responsibility rests upon the members of the different temperance organizations especially, and upon every friend of sobriety and good order. We cannot, therefore, too strongly urge upon all interested in the overthrow of the traffic, and the well being of society at large, to rally to the support of the law, whatever sacrifices or risks such a course of action may involve. By the report of the Agency Committee, we are pleased to learn that the living voice has been employed with advantage to the Order during the last term. The report will speak for itself.

The Committee are much gratified in learning through the report of the "Official Organ" Committee, that measures are now well matured for the publication of an Official Organ to be the property and under the joint control of the three temperance organizations of the province, namely, the Sons of Temperance, British, and Independent Good Templars.

The Committee observe by the journals of the last Annual Session, that a committee then appointed in reference to this subject, recommended the appropriation of the sum of \$400.00 from the funds of this G. D. as a subsidy or bonus to the enterprise—a very judicious recommendation, provided the funds will bear the drain. It is impossible for