

provisions of the Canada Temperance Act were not adhered to in the notices before holding the polling in the county of Marquette. The late Chief Justice held that the Court could not go behind the Order in Council, but a majority of the Court decided that the Act was not in force. The Manitoba Branch desire to carry an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada and asks this Council to assume part of the responsibility therefor. The officers of the Branch have corresponded with the Minister of Education on the subject of introducing temperance in the schools.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—The Branch in this distant Province has found it difficult to get in New Westminster enough members to carry on the work. The work of the Branch consists in opposing the granting of additional liquor licenses, trying to secure Sunday closing, holding public meetings, etc. It is claimed the Canada Temperance Act cannot be made available for British Columbia until amended, and the Council is referred to the representatives from that Province for information as to what legislation by the Dominion Parliament is needed.

THE ALLIANCE AND THE CHURCHES.

One of the most encouraging features of our work is the evidently increasing interest taken therein by the various representative church gatherings of Canada, whilst many others are true to our principles, and earnest in their support, it must be admitted that no church is now doing more to reach its entire membership on the temperance question than the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The General Assembly for some years past has appointed a committee from which has emanated a series of questions in reference to temperance which have gone down to the Synods, Presbyteries and Kirk sessions throughout the land, calling forth a large amount of valuable information and awakening much practical interest. The assembly at its last session specially recommended the members of the Presbyterian Church "to unite with other temperance workers, organizing in our counties and townships branches of the Dominion Alliance or any other well conducted associations having for their object the Legislative Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic." Whilst this is as it should be, the best means of securing and maintaining the actual co-operation of the churches is a question of great importance. Resolutions on this subject adopted by Church Courts, or by the Alliance, will not accomplish much unless some practical plan can be devised by which they can be carried out. With this end in view it has been in one Province suggested to ask every church or congregation