

examined the same and find them correct.

The Committee would further recommend that an abstract of the Grand Scribe's account for the year be published in the journals of this session, for the information of all the Divisions.

We also recommend that the bill for rent of Grand Scribe's office £9 be paid, and the sum of £2 4s. 7½d. be paid to the G. W. P., as per his own account.

All of which is respectfully submitted in L., P. and F.

W. A. S. BLEWETT, *Chairman.*

CHARLES B. NAYLOR,

WM. ROMANS,

Grand Division Room,
Halifax, October 31st, 1850.

On motion, *voted*, to accept and adopt the above report.

Committee on the subject of the License Laws, submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee to whom were referred the communications on the License Law, addressed to the Grand Division, beg leave to report as follows:—That they have given the subject their most careful and anxious consideration, and have found no difficulty whatever in coming to a unanimous decision on the general principles involved. With respect however to the application of these principles to the present state of the Province, great diversity of view has been elicited, and therefore your Committee would deem it to be the more prudent course in the mean time to aim chiefly at indoctrinating the public mind with such truths; as will of necessity, when thoroughly received, accomplish the end in view, both speedily and effectually. This might be obtained by free discussion in Subordinate Divisions, by appeals to the Legislature and the studious employment of that wholesome agitation, without which no question of vital moment to the well being of Society, can be reasonably expected to be carried.

The following summary of principles may for this purpose be confidently recommended:—

1st. That it is the duty of every wise Legislature to pass enactments for the entire suppression of the manufacture, importation, and sale of intoxicating liquors, so soon as this can be effected, with safety to the general interests of society.

2nd. That no legal sanction whatever ought to be given to any traffic, so injurious to individual and social prosperity, and therefore all License Laws are to be regarded as in principle unsound.