

the difficulty of convicting and punishing the offenders. If a clause were added to the law, giving greater facilities to this end, we could not wish for a better "Permissive Law" than the one we now have, and each Municipality that desired it could have a perfect Prohibitory Liquor Law for itself.

Since last meeting efforts were again made in the Legislature for the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law. A great number of Petitions were presented from both sections of the Province, but we are still without what we want. Several bills were brought before the House bearing on the subject, but there was only one really good bill—Mr. Clarke's—and unfortunately that one seemed to be entirely overlooked, and the petitions appropriated in favor of a measure entirely local and restricted.

The Grand Division of Canada West, at its meeting last week appointed a Committee to attend our meeting and confer as to the necessity of getting up a convention on this subject, and concert measures for preparing a Prohibitory Liquor Bill, and adopt means for supporting members in the House, in favor of such a law. I would recommend this Grand Division to reciprocate in this matter by appointing a similar committee, and adopting some measures to unite all the other Temperance Organizations in the Province to take immediate action. We want little preparation; let action begin now, and a force may be accumulated by next meeting of the Legislature that may accomplish our end.

There ought to be more fraternal intercourse between the two Grand Divisions of Canada East and West, and a thorough understanding of what action each may take in advancing the interest of our Order and the cause of Temperance generally, and to this end I would recommend that this Grand Division appoint a delegation to attend the next meeting of the Grand Division of Canada West. By this means a more fraternal spirit may become manifest, which will result in benefit to both.

The Grand Division of Canada West also recommended Bros. Carswell of Oshawa, and W. J. Patterson, of Montreal, as lecturers, who would render efficient services to Subordinate Divisions. This Grand Division ought to take similar action and appoint Bro. Patterson as their accredited lecturer for Canada East.