

That therefore your petitioners humbly pray that legal provision may be made for the introduction of Scientific Temperance Text Books and Elementary Manuals into the common schools of Ontario, to the end that the children may be instructed in the nature and physiological effects of Alcoholic Liquors.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(b) *To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario :*

The petition of the undersigned ratepayers

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in the Province of Ontario,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

That in the opinion of your Petitioners the present License Law for the regulation of the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Ontario should be amended as follows :

1. To provide by Statutory Law against the sale of intoxicating liquors to minors.
2. To separate the sale of intoxicating liquors in shops from the sale of all other articles of merchandise.
3. To refuse the issue of licenses to keepers of so-called Hotels, which have not the full legal requirement for the accommodation of travellers.
4. To further limit the number of licenses granted, and to provide for higher penalties for violations of the law, especially for imprisonment for third and subsequent convictions.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

On the 1st day of February, 1882, a large deputation composed of the officers and executive of this Alliance, together with a number of prominent citizens, waited on the Government of Ontario and urged the adoption of the above petitions. It is with pleasure that I to-day inform you that I have good reason to believe that the Minister of Education is favorable to the introduction of Scientific Temperance Text Books into the public schools of this Province, and that the day is not far off when our children will be instructed in the nature and physiological effects of alcoholic liquors.

CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT.

During the year this excellent law has not been submitted to the electors of any county or city in this Province. It is still too little understood by the people at large, by far too many considering it to be the Dunkin Act in everything but name, while the truth is, the two Acts have scarcely anything in common. Halton stands to-day the only county in this fair Province freed from the curse of a legalized liquor traffic. Those noble men and women who amid all opposition and discouragements carried that Act are to-day as determined as ever that it shall be fairly enforced. I can give you no better evidence of the success attending the working of the law in that county than by quoting the following resolutions adopted at a recent session of the County Ministerial Association :—

" 1. Resolved that we, the members of this Ministerial Association, assure the Executive of the Halton Alliance of our warmest sympathy with them in their important work of enforcing the Scott Act now the law in this county, and we hereby pledge our most hearty and active co-operation in all their efforts to accomplish the intention of the Act.

" 2. Recognizing the value of a correct public opinion for the enforcement of laws in a free State and among a free people, we would respectfully request the Local Alliance to continue to hold meetings for the strengthening of public opinion in the principles of prohibition, and we hereby pledge our cordial co-operation with them in this work.

" 3. We also further pledge ourselves that from the pulpit and platform and in all appropriate ways we will promote the interests of prohibition in general and the enforcement of Canada Temperance Act in particular.