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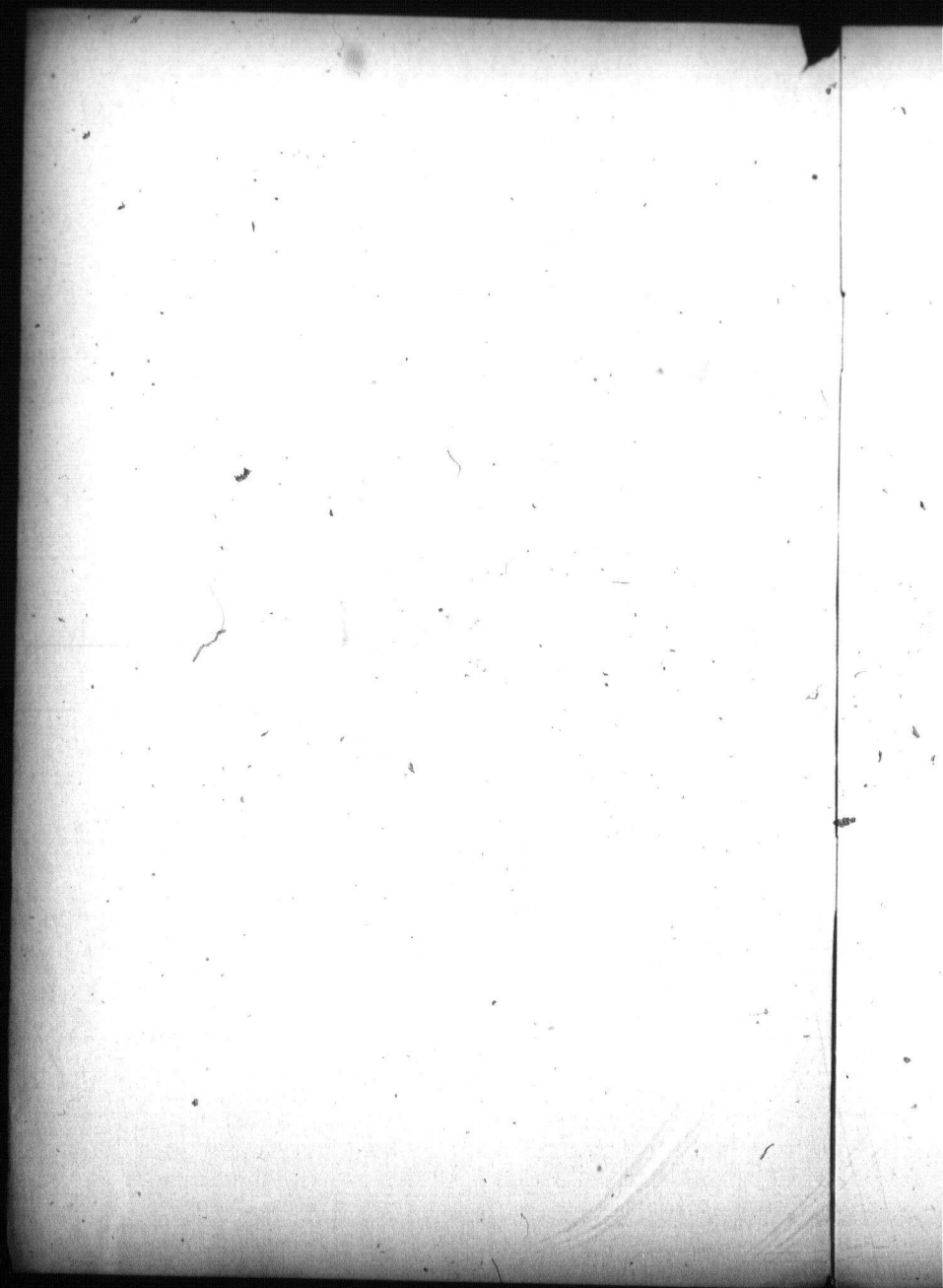
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The Dominion Alliance Council convened in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, at 10 a.m.

Senator Vidal presided. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D.

The minutes of last session were presented in printed form and, on motion, were accepted as read, and adopted.

The following Business Committee was appointed: Messrs. J. R. Dougall, J. B. Brooks, J. Eagleson, F. S. Spence, Rev. T. Hall.

Mr. W. H. Orr presented the report of the Executive Committee, which was, on motion, received.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Members of the Council:

Your Executive Committee respectfully submits the record of work for the past year, a year in which much has been accomplished in definite progress towards the attainment of total national prohibition.

THE NORTH-WEST.

In obedience to the instructions of last annual meeting, arrangements were promptly made for sending aid to our friends in the North-West in their approaching campaign. Mr. Spence left Toronto on September 24th. At Regina he held a conference with the

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North-West Alliance and immediately started work. He addressed public meetings at Moosomin, Whitewood, Broadview, Grenfell, Wolseley, Indian Head, Qu'Appelle, Fort Qu'Appelle, Regina, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Lethbridge, Fort Macleod, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Red Deer, Anthracite, Banff, and other points, besides holding conferences with workers, organizing committees, and doing all possible to bring the temperance question to the front in the hot election campaign that was in progress. The friends of prohibition in the different localities helped nobly in this effort. The elections were held on November 7th. The main question that agitated the electorate was the sustaining or displacing of those members of the Legislature who had opposed the position and policy of the Lieutenant-Governor in relation to his advisory council and the legislature. Most of the candidates who had opposed his course were returned by acclamation. The organization of the temperance electorate was too late to secure the nomination of independent candidates, but not too late to secure from nearly all, promises to do something to check the disgraceful system of general liquor-selling that had been inaugurated.

The abolition of the old system was a foregone conclusion, but the agitation resulted in the enactment of a rigid license law, tying down the liquor traffic within narrow limits, and conferring upon localities large local option powers in relation to licensing and prohibition. Our secretary aided our friends as far as possible in planning prohibitions and discussing suggestions, many of which were embodied in the new law.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The secretary was requested to also visit British Columbia, which he did, addressing mass meetings at Kamloops, Chilliwack, New Westminster, Vancouver and Victoria. A convention was held at Vancouver, at which the British Columbia branch of the Alliance was re-organized.

MANITOBA.

On his return journey Mr. Spence held meetings at Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Carberry and Winnipeg. A conference of workers was held at Winnipeg, at which it was decided to hold a later convention. At that convention the Manitoba Prohibitory League was organized.

The work already accomplished by this League is very encouraging. An act of the Provincial Legislature was secured providing for the taking of a plebiscite on the question of total prohibition. This vote was taken and resulted in an immense majority in favor of prohibition.

ONTARIO.

Prohibitory by-laws have been carried during the year in seven Ontario municipalities.

Shortly after the holding of last Convention the Ontario Court of Appeal delivered a judgment sustaining the Local Option legislation enacted by the Provincial Legislature, and asserting very clearly the jurisdiction of the Legislative Assembly in the matter concerning which that body had legislated.

This decision following the plebiscite action taken in Manitoba has led many Ontario prohibitionists to believe that it is possible to make important advances on provincial lines, and at a convention of the Ontario branch of the Alliance, held last week, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the Ontario Legislature be requested to take action to secure a vote of our provincial electorate on the direct issue of prohibition."

QUEBEC.

In the Province of Quebec the Scott Act has been repealed in the county of Drummond. The Scott Act now remains in force in two Quebec counties, Brome and Chicoutimi. The Dunkin Act is in force in the county of Richmond. There are prohibitory by-laws in force in more than two hundred municipalities and there are one hundred and twenty-one other municipalities in which no licenses are issued, so that prohibition prevails over more than one-half of the Province.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The only important event bearing on prohibition in New Brunswick during the past year was the repeal of the Scott Act in the county of St. John. The difficulties in the way of enforcement had been very great, on account of the licensed liquor traffic in the included city of St. John. The Scott Act is still in force in eight of the fourteen counties of New Brunswick and in the cities of Fredericton and Moncton.

NOVA SCOTIA.

There is no change in the situation in Nova Scotia. Temperance sentiment is still so strongly opposed to the liquor traffic that there is not a license granted in the province outside the city and county of Halifax.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

An act was passed at the last session of the Prince Edward Island Legislature imposing severe restrictions on the sale of liquor in the

city of Charlottetown, which is the only part of the Province in which the Scott Act is not in force. This rigid law is being well enforced and will likely hold the traffic in check until the time has arrived when the Scott Act can be again submitted to the electors.

PARLIAMENTARY.

A meeting of the Legislative Committee of the Council was held at Ottawa on March 1st last, shortly after the opening of Parliament. Fifteen members of Parliament and six other members of the Committee were present. The following resolution was adopted:—

"Whereas, our resolution of last year was superseded by another looking to action which has not yet been completed, it is inexpedient to introduce the same resolution during the present session."

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

When the Royal Commission to enquire into the liquor traffic and the question of prohibition was appointed, your Executive deemed it wise, in accordance with the opinion expressed by the Convention of 1891, to do all in their power to assist in making the work of the Commission as complete and effective as possible. This matter was ably urged by the *Montreal Witness*, which journal suggested the raising of a special fund to defray the expense of this work. The proposition was warmly seconded by other journals, notably the *Hamilton Templar* and the *Toronto Citizen*. The Executive Committee requested Mr. Spence to devote his attention to the suggested work as far as possible, and appointed Mr. W. H. Orr to act as treasurer of the fund. He will report to you the result of the appeal that has been made. Mr. Spence has been and still is engaged in working up the case in favor of prohibition, and arranging for the presentation of the same to the Commission as far as he is permitted by the rules which the Commissioners have laid down in relation to the taking of evidence. Without discussing the Commission or its work, it may here be stated that there has already been accumulated by it a vast amount of important information that must be, when published, of much value to students of the liquor question, and exceedingly useful to advocates of our cause.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Looking back over what has been accomplished, looking forward over the great work yet to be done, and carefully considering what are the wisest and most hopeful lines of action on which all friends of prohibition may unitedly advance, your Executive Committee respectfully submits the following recommendations:—

1. That the plan adopted and action taken in reference to the Royal Commission be followed out as far as the Executive finds itself able to do so.

2. That our friends in every province be urged to avail themselves speedily of the advantages offered them by the Scott Act and other forms of Local Option Legislation.

3. That other provinces be strongly urged to follow the example of Manitoba, in applying at once to their respective legislatures for the taking of a direct vote upon the question of total prohibition and for immediate effective prohibitory legislation if such voting shows that the people favor such legislation.

4. That our workers in every province be earnestly urged to press the organization of the prohibition electorate in every municipality on the lines already laid down, in view of the important local option, plebiscite and electoral work ahead of us.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. MACLAREN,
Chairman.

Mr. J. R. Dougall presented the following

REPORT FROM THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

1. Your Committee beg to recommend that the hours of sessions be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; from 8 p.m. to adjournment.

2. That the following Rules of Order be adopted:—

(a) That no person speak longer than ten minutes, or more than once on any motion, provided, however, that the Chairman of any Committee may speak a second time for not longer than five minutes, to close debate on his report. This rule shall not be departed from except by permission of the Convention, which shall be granted or refused without debate.

(b) That resolutions offered shall be referred to appropriate Committees without debate. The mover of any resolution shall have the right to appear before the Committee to which said resolution is referred, with the privilege of briefly explaining the reasons for submitting the same.

(c) That all resolutions offered to the Convention be submitted in writing.

3. That the following Committees be appointed:—

(a) *On Credentials*.—J. H. Carson, W. W. Buchanan, F. S. Spence.

(b) That your Business Committee be a committee on Further Nominations to strike committees on *Legislation, Law Enforcement, Electoral Action, Organization and Extension, Resolutions and Finance*.

Mr. J. R. Dougall moved, seconded by Rev. James Kines:—

"That the clause defining the constituencies of which this Council is composed and their representation be referred to a Special Committee, to report what changes, if any, are desirable."

Carried.

The following Committee was named:—Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., Messrs. W. H. Orr, A. M. Featherston, J. R. Dougall, Sol. Cutter.

Mr. Axel Gustafson, of New York, was invited to address the Council, after which the Council adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONTREAL, September 22nd, 1892.

The afternoon session was called to order by the President at 2.30 o'clock.

Mr. F. S. Spence presented the following report from the Credentials Committee. Report was, on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee on Credentials find that the following delegates are entitled to seats in the Council:—

1. NIAGARA CONFERENCE, METHODIST CHURCH.—The Rev. D. L. Brethour, Ph. D., Burlington; Mr. Joseph Gibson, Ingersoll.
2. MONTREAL CONFERENCE, METHODIST CHURCH.—The Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., 7 Coursol street, Montreal; the Rev. J. Lawson, Compton; Messrs. W. Tees and S. J. Carter, Montreal.
3. TORONTO CONFERENCE, METHODIST CHURCH.—The Rev. G. J. Bishop, 70 Grange avenue, Toronto; the Rev. A. Langford, Brampton; Sheriff Bowles, Orangeville; Mr. E. J. Davis, M.P.P., King; Alternates, the Rev. D. Cattanach, Stayner and H. H. Shaver, Dixie.
4. BAY OF QUINTE CONFERENCE, METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. J. S. Clarke, Brighton; Rev. A. C. Wilson, Newburg; Dr. W. W. Meacham, Odessa; W. Johnston, Belleville.
5. GUELPH CONFERENCE, METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. F. E. Nugent, Palmerston, and Mr. H. P. Moore, Acton.
6. LONDON CONFERENCE, METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. G. Boyd, London; Rev. T. R. McNair, Corunna; Messrs. Thos. Hayne, Brigden, and Thos. McCormick, London.
7. SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. W. Frizzell, Ph.B., Toronto; Rev. R. Johnston, B.A., Lindsay; Rev. J. Abraham, Whitby and Rev. M. MacGillivray, M.A., Kingston.
8. BAPTIST UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.—Rev. B. D. Thomas, D.D., Toronto; Rev. E. W. Dudson, B.A., Woodstock; Mr. John Stark, Toronto street, Toronto; Rev. S. S. Bates, B.A., 358 Markham street, Toronto; Rev. F. H. Rand, D.C.L., Chancellor of McMaster University, Toronto; Mr. J. E. Wells, M.A., *Canada Baptist*.
9. DIOCESE OF HURON, CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Rev. W. J. Taylor, St. Mary's; Mr. W. M. Seaborn, London; Mr. Chancellor Cromper, London, and Mr. J. H. Luscombe.
10. ONTARIO GRAND COUNCIL, R. T. OF T.—Mr. J. H. Flagg, Mitchell; Mr. C. V. Emory, M.D., Hamilton; Mr. P. H. Stewart, Barrie, and the Rev. T. R. McNair, Corunna.
11. QUEBEC W. C. T. U. (PROVINCIAL).—Mrs. C. T. Williams, 26 Chomedey street, Montreal; Mrs. S. W. Foster, Knowlton, Que.; Mrs. R. Miller; Miss Fraser.
11. GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T. ONTARIO.—Mr. Jas. B. Brooks, 298 Seaton street, Toronto; the Rev. H. S. Matthews, Aurora; Mr. W. H. Bewell, Whitby, and Mr. Peter Ellis, West Toronto Junction.
14. CONGREGATIONAL UNION, ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.—Rev. Thomas Hall, Montreal; Rev. J. I. Hindley, Ph.D., Granby, Que.; Professor W. H. Warriner, Montreal.

15. NEW BRUNSWICK, GRAND LODGE I.O.G.T.—Mr. J. R. Pidgeon, St. John, N.B.

16. REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA.—Right Rev. T. W. Campbell, B.D., Brunswick avenue, Toronto; Rev. W. D. Stevens, 113 Hutchison street, Montreal. Mr. E. Botterill, House of Commons, Ottawa; Mr. E. Carswell, Oshawa.

17. NEW BRUNSWICK, GRAND COUNCIL R. T. OF T.—Messrs. W. T. L. Reed, E. C. Freeze, W. L. McFarlane, Rev. Jos. McLeod, D.D., Fredericton, N.B.

18. ONTARIO BRANCH, DOMINION ALLIANCE.—Messrs. J. J. MacIaren, Q.C., H. O'Hara, J. Dobson, R. J. Fleming, Mrs. McDonnell, Toronto; Mr. W. W. Buchanan, Hamilton; Rev. S. D. Chown, Almonte; Rev. J. Kines, Carleton Place; Mrs. J. Foster, Toronto; Messrs. Joseph Skinner, R. A. Jamieson and J. G. Howe, Ottawa; Rev. C. W. W. Watch, Oshawa; Mr. Warring Kennedy, Toronto; Rev. M. S. Gray, Laurel; Rev. A. M. Phillips, Mr. M. Gibbs, Toronto; Mr. R. Momen, Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D., Rev. A. C. Courties.

19. QUEBEC PROVINCIAL ALLIANCE.—Mr. M. B. Jewell, Rev. C. J. Curtis, Rev. D. W. Morrison, Mr. Alex. Peden, Rev. James Fleck, Messrs. C. T. Williams, G. M. Webster, Major E. L. Bond, Rev. John Ker, S. F. Leet, Walter Paul, James Baylis, Dr. T. Christie, M.P., Rev. Dr. Hindley, Hy. Morton, Dr. Bazin.

20. GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA, I.O.G.T.—Messrs. E. B. Elderkin, John Bryenton.

The following report was then presented:—

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ALLIANCE

MONTREAL, September 22nd, 1892.

Your Committee on the above subject beg leave to recommend, 1st. That an enlargement be made in the direction of giving representation to Dominion as well as Provincial bodies favorable to Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic. 2nd. That to carry this into effect the words "Dominion or Provincial" be inserted before the word "bodies" in the second line of Article 3, and that in the third line, after the words "the following basis" there be added the words "From bodies of Dominion extent, 4 members each."

Your Committee had before them an application from the Temperance Crusaders of Point St. Charles, but were of opinion that until it has attained at least a Provincial standing, its representation should be in the Quebec branch of this Alliance. All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.
W. H. ORR, *Secretary*.

Mr. Spence moved, seconded by Mr. Dougall:—

"That the delegates from the Advanced Prohibitionists as follows:—

Rev. J. J. Redditt, W. G. Fee,
Rev. G. G. Huxtable, C. Fossey,

and the delegates from the Dominion Council of Royal Templars, as follows:—

Rev. W. Kettlewell, Rev. James Kines,
Rev. George Stafford, Rev. J. T. Pitcher,

be added to the report of the Credentials Committee.

Carried.

Mr. W. H. Orr presented the report of the North-West Special Fund, which was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE NORTH-WEST FUND.

RECEIPTS.

J. D. Nasmith, \$10.00; C. S. Gsowski, \$5.00; H. A. Massey, \$5.00;	
Hon. S. C. Wood, \$5.00; Hon. J. C. Akins, \$10.00.....	\$35 00
Hon. A. Vidal, \$10.00; Hon. G. W. Ross, \$5.00; Hon. O. Mowat, \$5.00;	
C. Burton, \$5.00; Sylvester Bros., \$5.00; S. Fisher, \$25.00.....	55 00
J. Jamieson, \$5.00; H. L. Lovering, \$5.00; Rev. A. W. Ross, \$20.00;	
London friends, \$15.00; Mayor Fleming, \$10.00.....	55 00
W. H. Howland, \$10.00; W. H. Orr, \$19.00; Jacob Spence, \$6.00; F.	
S. Spence, \$5.00; W. Kennedy, \$10.00; J. J. McLaren, \$10.00.....	60 00
Walter Paul, \$25.00; J. R. Dougall, \$25.00; Geo. Goodhue, \$10.00; S.	
P. Leet, \$15.00; Hamilton City, per W. W. Buchanan, \$50.00.....	125 00
Robert Moment, \$20.00; Rev. O. R. Lambly, \$5.00; Rev. Mr. Courtice,	
\$1.00; Mr. Noble, \$1.00; A friend, \$2.00.....	29 00
W. R. McMurich, \$2.00; Collections in the North-West, \$96.15; in	
British Columbia, \$5.60; in Manitoba, \$14.35.....	118 40
Total amount received.....	<u>\$477 40</u>

PAYMENTS.

To Mr. Spence for Trav. Exps., \$213.15; for Hotels and Meals, \$64.55..	\$277 70
" " " " Postage, Telegrams and Sundries, \$19.20	19 20
" " " " Services, two months' time	164 00
For Printing and Rent of Hall, \$6.50; for Tracts, \$10.00	16 50
Total payments	<u>\$477 40</u>

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. ORR, *Treasurer.*

MONTREAL, September 22nd, 1892.

Mr. Spence moved, seconded by Mr. Tees, and carried:—

"That Clause 1 of the recommendations of the Executive Committee be adopted."

"That Clauses 2 and 3 be referred to the Committee on Legislation, and Clause 4 be referred to Committee on Electoral Action."

The Business Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:—

Your Committee on Business recommend the appointment of the following Committees, with power to add to their number:—

LEGISLATION.—Rev. J. J. Redditt, J. Eagleson, Rev. T. G. Williams, Dr. T. Christie, M.P., Rev. Jas. Kines, John Bryenton, Rev. D. W. Morrison, Rev. E. C. Courtice.

LAW ENFORCEMENT.—C. T. Williams, Rev. T. R. McNair, J. H. Flagg, Rev. J. J. Hindley, Ph.D., Walter Paul, M. B. Jewell, W. McFarlane, M. S. Begg, Rev. J. Tallman Pitcher, S. J. Carter.

ELECTORAL ACTION.—Major E. L. Bond, E. J. Davis, W. W. Buchanan, W. T. L. Reed, F. S. Spence, J. B. Brooks, S. A. Fisher, R. J. Daley, Sol. Cutter, Rev. W. W. Kettlewell, J. R. Dougall, E. B. Elderkin, A. M. Featherston, Alex. Peden, W. H. Orr.

ORGANIZATION AND EXTENSION.—W. W. Buchanan, C. Fessey, F. E. Cross, Rev. T. Hall, W. G. Fee, Rev. G. G. Huxtable, Mrs. W. L. Scott, Mrs. D. W. Armstrong, Miss J. E. Dougall, J. H. Carson.

RESOLUTIONS.—Rev. Dr. Hunter, Mrs. R. W. McLachlan, Rev. W. D. Stevens, R. J. Daley, Alex. Peden.

FINANCE.—W. H. Orr, James Baylis, James Thomson, H. Morton, Walter Paul.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan the Committees on Electoral Action and Organization were united.

SECOND DAY.

MONTREAL, September 23rd, 1892.

The second day's session of the Council was opened with prayer by Rev. W. W. Graham, President of the Montreal Methodist Conference.

Minutes of previous day's sessions of the Council were read and approved.

Communications were read by the Secretary expressing regret at unavoidable absence from Rev. C. W. Watch, R. J. Flemming, Rev. W. S. Cowle, J. T. Middleton, Robert McLean, Rev. D. L. Brethour.

Rev. Mr. Stevens moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Williams, "That Mr. C. G. Jones be received as an alternate delegate from the Reformed Episcopal Church." Carried.

Mr. J. Bryenton, on behalf of the Committee on Legislation, presented its report.

The report was discussed, amended, and adopted as follows :—

REPORT ON LEGISLATION.

That in those places where the Scott Act, or other forms of local option legislation is in force, our friends are urged to make the enforcement of such measures as effective as possible. We desire it to be distinctly understood that the clearly defined position of the Dominion Alliance is the total suppression of the liquor traffic, and we earnestly urge upon all the friends of prohibition to work with that end in view. Yet any legitimate means which can be employed to further said end by effectively weakening the liquor traffic and educating the people, will receive the hearty endorsement of this Alliance Council.

That other Provinces be strongly urged to follow the example of Manitoba in applying at once to their respective legislatures for the taking of a direct vote upon the question of total prohibition, and for immediate effective prohibitory legislation, if such voting shows that people favor such legislation.

That the several Provincial Legislatures be urged to enact such measures of Prohibition as the British North America Act permits, and that we demand of the Federal Parliament the immediate abolition of the liquor traffic.

Rev. Dr. Williams introduced a resolution in regard to License Law amendments, which was referred to Committee on Resolutions.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONTREAL, September 23rd, 1892.

Major E. L. Bond, presented the report of the *Committee on Electoral Action*. The report was received and considered *seriatim*, and finally adopted as follows:—

(1.) That we strongly recommend prohibitionists to steadily refuse to vote for the candidate for the House of Commons of any party that refuses to commit itself to total prohibition, unless such candidate is a known prohibitionist, and publicly indicates that in the matter of prohibition he is prepared to act independently of his party.

(2.) That the thorough organization of prohibition electors into local clubs or associations for independent political action be vigorously prosecuted, and that this work of organization be recognized as the first and most important operation of the Alliance.

(3.) That the policy of endeavoring to elect to the House of Commons some independent prohibitionists, specially charged with the duty of advocating our cause on the floor of the House be re-affirmed, and that the Executive be instructed to keep this desirable end in view.

(4.) That it be our instruction to the Executive of this Council to place in the field at once an active agent, who shall give his whole time to the organization of Prohibition Clubs composed of persons pledged to act in accord with the Electoral policy herewith stated, it being understood that the work shall be carried on through Provincial Branches, where such exist.

(5.) That with reference to the resolution forwarded by the Quebec Provincial Alliance in regard to political action, the Committee is of the opinion that the matter has been fully covered by the preceding clauses of the report.

Mr. W. H. Orr presented the following reports, which were received:—

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION
PROHIBITION FUND.

To the President and Members of the Council of the Dominion Alliance:

The undersigned begs leave to report that, having been requested by your Executive to act as Treasurer of a Fund of \$5,000, for covering the cost of presenting the Prohibition case before the Royal Commission, now in session, he has, up to date, received in cash the sum of

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And has disbursed, on account of salary and expenses incurred by Mr. Spence	784 25

Total Cash now in hand	\$1,178 49
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In addition to the above, there is a fund being raised by the *Templar*, of Hamilton, the cash for which has not yet come into my hands, though several times asked for. This is owing, I am told, to the fact that in some cases the cash did not come with the subscriptions, and I am now assured that all that is due will be collected and handed over in a few days. The amount acknowledged in the *Templar* foots up ...

.....	\$2,990 18
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I have been informed that the Presbyterian Church has also been raising a fund, which perhaps accounts for your Treasurer's having received no contributions from any local Presbyterian Church, other than the American Presbyterian Church of Montreal. Neither have any been received from any Church of

England, R. C., or Reformed Episcopal congregation, and only three or four Baptist or Congregational Churches.

It will be seen from the foregoing, that close upon \$3,000 of the \$5,000 which the Executive deemed necessary, has been raised. It is hoped that the balance needed will be forthcoming from the Lodges, Unions, Councils and Churches which have not yet been heard from with their share.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. ORR, *Treasurer.*

TORONTO, September 21st, 1892.

DOMINION COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

From the Ontario Branch, Assessment in full	\$200 00
" " Quebec " one-third of its Assessment	50 00
Total receipts	<u>\$250 00</u>

PAYMENTS.

To Balance due the Treasury of last year	\$139 36
" Rent of Hall for Council Meeting at Toronto	8 00
" Printing Call for same	5 00
" " Report of same	50 00
" Balance of Cash on hand ..	47 64
Total payments	<u>\$250 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. ORR, *Treasurer.*

EVENING SESSION.

MONTREAL, September 23rd, 1892.

Rev. Dr. Hunter, for the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following report, which was adopted :—

RESOLUTIONS.

In reference to the communication from the corresponding secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association remitted to your committee on resolutions we recommend :—

1. That the Secretary acknowledge the receipt of the same, together with the action of the Alliance thereto.
2. That a copy of the following resolution be forwarded by the secretary to Sir John Thompson.

That the Alliance has learned with pleasure that the Honorable Minister of Justice has intimated to a deputation from the Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada that the Dominion Government is willing to co-operate with the Provincial Governments on the matter of reformatories and other important subjects suggested by the Prisoners' Aid Association, as we have reason to believe that such co-operation will speedily effect the prison reform so much needed in our Dominion.

3. That the following resolution be forwarded by the secretary to Sir Oliver Mowat.

That this Alliance being in hearty sympathy with the Prison Reform movement inaugurated and advocated by the Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada, cherish the hope that the Honorable the Premier of Ontario and his Government, in conjunction with the Federal Government, whose co-operation has been assured by the Honorable the Minister of Justice, will make no delay in giving effect to the practical recommendations of the Prisoners' Aid Association.

4. That the President nominate three members of the Alliance to attend the Prison Reform Conference to be held in Toronto in November next.

PROHIBITION AND LICENSE.

5. That the resolution by the Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., and Mr. J. R. Dougall *re* Royal Commission and License Law be adopted by the Council.

Resolved—That while this Dominion Alliance reaffirms its position that a prohibitory law is the proper method to suppress the evils of this traffic, and also that any enactment by which the Liquor Traffic receives the formal sanction of the law is morally wrong, yet recognizing the existence of the license system as a method of limiting and repressing the liquor traffic, we affirm as general principles:

First,—That no Province nor municipal government should have any financial interest in the Liquor Traffic, and

Second,—That the conditions of licenses for the sale of intoxicants should consist entirely in the restrictions imposed upon, and the responsibilities attached to the license holder.

6. That the thanks of the Council be tendered the directors and officers of the Y.M.C.A. for the use of their beautiful rooms for the meetings of the Council and for their uniform courtesy to the delegates.

7. That we recognize and appreciate the service that has been rendered our cause by members of the Dominion Senate and House of Commons and Provincial Legislatures, who have shown by their action that they place prohibition above party. In this connection we would specially commend the noble stand taken at the last session of the Ontario Legislature by those Government supporters who declared their determination to vote against the Government when it was proposed to grant licenses for the sale of liquors on railway cars, and so forced the withdrawal of that obnoxious measure.

8. That this Council hereby expresses its deep sense of loss in the death of two of its most prominent and useful members: the Hon J. Robson and Mr. Jacob Spence, who for so many years were devoted to the cause of temperance and the great object contemplated by the Alliance; and we tender our heartfelt sympathy to their bereaved families.

LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Mr. S. J. Carter presented the report from the Committee on Law Enforcement, which was, on motion, forwarded to the Executive for action thereon. The report was as follows:—

1. That through the organized influence of the liquor traffic and its supporters in the politics of the country, there is an extensive failure to enforce the laws prohibiting and restricting the traffic.

2. That this inefficient enforcement of these laws dispirits the temperance forces, furnishes excuses to the opponents of prohibition, and seriously retards the whole prohibition movement.

3. That we hold the Provincial Governments responsible for the rigorous enforcement of those restrictive and prohibitory laws, and for the appointment of faithful and efficient officers to administer them.

4. That while Temperance people may not be under obligation as citizens to take upon themselves the labor and expense of enforcing liquor laws, yet as this non-enforcement imperils the success of the whole prohibition movement for which they have made themselves responsible, it is their duty to do all in their power, morally and politically, by private and organized effort to secure such enforcement.

5. Experience has taught us that the only influence that will be effective to compel governments to enforce prohibitory liquor laws is such organization of the temperance forces as will be felt at the polls. We, therefore, recommend this Council of the Alliance to effect such organization of the temperance electorate as speedily as possible.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Committee on Nominations presented a report recommending that the following officers and committees be elected for the ensuing year:—

PRESIDENT.—The Hon. A. Vidal.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.—The Hon. J. C. Aikins, Messrs. W. H. Howland, J. R. Dougall, S. A. Fisher, A. R. Dickey, M.P., Hon. D. C. Fraser, the Rev. Jos. McLeod, D.D., N. R. Coulter, M.D., S. Crabbe, the Hon. E. Haviland, J. Redford Mulock, Dr. A. McDiarmid, Dr. W. D. Cowan, W. McCraney, S. Cunningham, and the Rev. J. McLean.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.—Mr. F. S. Spence.

RECORDING SECRETARY.—Mr. J. H. Carson.

TREASURER.—Mr. W. H. Orr.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—Messrs. J. J. Maclaren, A. M. Featherston, W. W. Buchanan, Rev. Dr. Williams, R. J. Fleming, W. Tees, James Baylis, Rev. A. M. Phillips, Rev. W. A. Hunter, Major Bond, Rev. Dr. Thomas, Rev. W. Campbell, J. Brooks, Walter Paul, E. J. Davis, Rev. W. Kettlewell, W. T. L. Reed, W. H. Lambly, Robt. Craig, and the Rev. W. H. Warriner.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.—Messrs. J. R. Dougall, A. M. Featherston, Rev. J. Wood, J. H. Carson, R. C. Smith, Hon. J. C. Aikins, Rev. S. D. Chown, W. H. Howland, J. J. Maclaren, F. S. Spence, Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D., and S. J. Carter, together with the following members of the Senate and House of Commons: the Hons. A. Vidal, R. W. Scott, D. Wark, A. R. Maclelan, E. Murphy, J. R. Gowan, J. R. Loughheed, J. B. Snowball, D. C. Fraser, and Messrs. J. Rowland, F. McDonald, J. McMullen, A. T. Lepine, J. N. Freeman, T. Bain, W. F. Roome, S. C. Edwards, J. Laverne, J. Scriver, A. R. Dickey, T. B. Flint, Thos. Christie, John Charlton, S. F. Perry, R. Beith, A. H. Gilmor, E. C. Bowers, and any other member of Parliament that the Executive Committee may deem wise to add.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Major Bond the Council adjourned.

J. H. CARSON,

Recording Secretary.