

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE MEET

ORGANIZE TO HELP ENFORCE TEMPERANCE ACT.

Central Committee Appointed, of Which Oliver Chown is President—Question of Hotel Accommodation Raised.

The Frontenac and Kingston Temperance Alliance met in Sydenham Street Methodist Sunday school hall Monday afternoon for the purpose of organizing the temperance forces of the city and county. In order that they might help with the enforcement of the new temperance act. A central committee was appointed, and a president and a secretary were elected for a number of municipalities.

The question of hotel accommodation came up, but the consensus of the meeting was that there need be no anxiety or that score.

Rev. Alfred Brown presided, and the meeting was opened by Rev. F. A. Read, of Sydenham, offering prayer.

F. W. Duggan, field secretary of the Ontario Alliance, was present and addressed the gathering.

Rev. Mr. Brown, in opening the meeting, declared that the forces of temperance were only beginning the final fight for victory. The prohibitory measure passed by the Ontario Legislature was a big victory, but it was not complete. Much depended on the way this measure was enforced, and it would never be properly enforced unless the temperance workers took a lively and united action in its enforcement.

Mr. Duggan's Address. Mr. Duggan was then called upon to address the gathering. He pointed out the need of the temperance forces organizing to enforce the new act. Already the temperance forces in from fifteen to twenty counties had been organized to help enforce the new law. This law would be a failure unless the temperance forces stood behind those appointed to enforce it. The temperance workers were not on the job, the act would never be satisfactorily enforced. The law could never be properly enforced if its enforcement were left entirely to the police and Government officials. In small municipalities a strange official would be unable to secure evidence because his presence would immediately become known to the offender. Much better to have a local committee secure the evidence and pass it on to the proper authorities. Should those authorities fail to act then

the following central committee was appointed: President, Oliver Chown; first vice-president, D. G. Laidlaw; second vice-president, F. L. Sproule, Westbrook; third vice-president, G. A. Bateman; fourth vice-president, Mrs. William Craig; secretary, Fred Wilson; treasurer, Francis King. All the officers, with the exception of Mr. Sproule, reside in Kingston.

The meeting then proceeded to elect a president and a secretary for the different municipalities in the county. Owing to those present not being familiar with some of the municipalities in the outlying parts of the county, the election of officers for those municipalities was postponed. The municipalities for which officers were elected were as follows:

Kingston township—President, F. L. Sproule; secretary, Byron Gordon, both of Westbrook.

Loughboro—President, Dr. Toivell; secretary, Principal F. Syne, both of Sydenham.

Portsmouth—President, Rev. John Dawson. Mr. Dawson will appoint a secretary.

Pittsburg—President, Rev. A. B. Morrison, R. R. No. 1, Kingston; secretary, Leslie Woods, Joyceville.

Portland—President, Dr. Wilkins, Harrowsmith; secretary, Levi Brown, Verona.

Storrington—President, George Leatherland, Latimer; secretary, Hugh Moreland, Sunbury.

Wolfe Island—President, Stewart Armstrong; secretary, Mr. Kemp.

On motion of Rev. William Henderson, Wolfe Island, seconded by W. J. Crothers, a resolution was passed thanking the Legislature for the temperance act and pledging the support of the temperance people toward its enforcement.

The Resolutions Passed. On motion of Rev. Mr. Read of Sydenham and W. J. Crothers, it was decided to interrogate Provincial Secretary Hanna to ascertain whether the province has power to prohibit the manufacture of liquor.

Question of Accommodation. The question arose as to whether the cutting off of the bars would interfere with accommodation for the travelling public.

Rev. Mr. Read said that in Athens, when local option came into effect the hotel men closed up their houses but they soon opened them up again when they found that the temperance people were providing accommodation for the travellers.

Mr. Duggan pointed out that sixty-four per cent. of the province was now under local option, and there had never been such good accommodation and so much of it, as there was now. The law of supply and demand would regulate the number of hotels. Once the hotelmen were convinced that the temperance people would provide accommodation if they did not, they wouldn't lose much time in opening up their hotels.

Replying to the fears of a delegate, who questioned whether there would be sufficient accommodation in Kingston for the farmers, and who suggested that the livermen increase their accommodation, Mr. Duggan said that the farmers couldn't suffer for the lack of accommodation. If there was a demand, the hotelmen could be depended on to meet it.

Asked whether he thought the hotels would increase their rates, Mr. Duggan replied that rates were higher in those districts now than in local option districts.

Evening Meeting. At a public meeting in the church in the evening Mr. Duggan delivered an interesting address. He sketched the progress of the prohibitory movement, which led up to the passing of the Temperance Act by the Ontario Legislature, and referred to the social and economic readjustment which would be necessary when the act came into force next September.

He also impressed upon the temperance people that they had a great part to perform in enforcing the new law.

Ruthven McDonald, Toronto, delighted those present with a number of songs and recitations.

Rev. Alfred Brown discharged the duties of chairman in a happy manner.

An offering of over \$60 was taken up. Part of this went to pay the expenses of the visitors, the rest being put in the treasury of the local temperance forces.

Married in Chicago. The marriage of Miss Zena Rosamond Sheppard and Charles Frank Bourscheidt was solemnized in St. Margaret's Church, Chicago, on June 8th. The bride, Miss Sheppard, daughter of the late Canon Spencer, of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, and a relative of the bride, officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sheppard, 5223 Winthrop avenue, Chicago (formerly of Brockton, N.S.). Mr. Bourscheidt, who is the son of Mr. J. Bourscheidt, of St. Louis, Mo., is studying theology at the Western Theological Seminary, Chicago. The young couple have received many congratulatory messages, among them one from the presiding bishop of the United States.

To Sail Soon. Mrs. Partridge, wife of Capt. F. Partridge, of the 77th Battalion, Ottawa, who left for overseas on Saturday, is coming to Kingston to remain with her mother, Mrs. Partridge, until the first of July, when she will sail for England on the S.S. Ascania.

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