

Annual Meeting Of Temperance Federation

The P.E.I. Temperance Federation met in the Y.M.C.A. Building on Tuesday, Oct. 31st at 11 a.m. The meeting was opened with the President, Mr. Geo. Brown in the chair. Rev. D.K. Ross led in devotions. The Secretary, Rev. J. M. Blesedell, read the minutes which were adopted. The following committees were appointed: Resolutions, Revs. E.R. Woodside, H.L. Denton, Hugh Miller, D.K. Ross, Messrs. Hutchison and MacKay. Nominations: Revs. S.J. Boyce, G. Webster, G. Tilley and Mr. Moyses. The President, Mr. Geo. Brown, delivered the following annual report:

To the Prince Edward Island Temperance Federation here assembled in annual session. Ladies and gentlemen:

On behalf of the Continuation Committee, I beg leave to submit the following report of our activities for the past year.

During the year we have met frequently for discussion regarding ways and means of furthering the interests of the Federation.

Following instructions from our first annual meeting your committee, meeting in conference with the Attorney General, requested that the number of scripts issued to doctors be limited to fifty each per month, and that, if necessary, the law be amended in this respect. We also requested that the law be amended to facilitate the work of officers of the law in rounding up characters in connection with the delivery of ale from the vendors to doctors' patients. Probably it is common knowledge that those requests were not granted.

During the summer, plans were being matured for an educational campaign to be conducted later in the season. Our secretary, Rev. Mr. Blesedell, corresponded with Rev. Ben H. Spence of Toronto, and other prominent campaign leaders. During the last week of August, arrangements were completed with Mr. Spence to conduct a three weeks' educational campaign in the province.

About this time the Premier informed us that certain representative delegations had waited on the Government asking for a partial repeal of our prohibitory law, and the institution of government sale of wine and beer. The Premier informed us that the government had decided to refuse this request, and to refer the matter to the electors at an early date in the form of a plebiscite.

A few days later Germany invaded Poland, and with a Euro-war was raging, which Great Britain and her colonies would play a major part, the government decided to postpone taking the plebiscite indefinitely.

At this time your committee felt that sufficient problems had arisen to warrant consultation with a wider body. Consequently, a special general meeting of the Federation was called for August 31. This meeting was well attended, representatives being in attendance from the various parts of the province. Mr. Spence had arrived on the Island previously, and was present at the meeting.

After an interesting discussion, it was decided that Mr. Spence should proceed at once to conduct a dual campaign. While all residents and emphasized the value of education, it was felt, that, as a plebiscite is probably in the offing, organization was at least equally necessary.

As the campaign proceeded, meetings were held in the larger centres, and organizations were set up in each of the fifteen electoral districts of the Province. Efforts are being made through our secretary to co-ordinate the activities of the new organizations with those of the Central Continuation Committee. Resolutions were passed by each of these organizations asking our local government for loyal support, and better enforcement of the prohibitory law, and appealing to the federal government to take radical steps towards curtailing the drink traffic in every province of the Dominion, especially as it relates to our soldiers in the present crisis. Copies of these resolutions have been, or will be, immediately forwarded to His Honour, Premier Campbell and to each local member of parliament. Those relating to federal matters are being forwarded to the Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, and to each of the federal representatives and senators of this province.

In the educational part of the campaign, certain facts were demonstrated very clearly through the use of charts. On those charts it was shown on the authority of government statistics:

(1st) That consumption of liquor invariably increased in proportion to increased facilities for sale.

(2nd) That crime of all kinds corresponds to the facilities for sale, and consequent consumption of liquor in the various provinces of Canada.

(3rd) More alcohol is consumed in beer than all alcoholic beverages combined. In 1937, in the province of Ontario, 60-71 per cent of all alcohol consumed was contained in beer.

Immediately following the campaign, a conference of the officials of the various district organizations, and the Central Federation Committee, was held in Charlottetown. This conference was attended, nearly every unit being represented. The first session opened at 10 a.m. and the usual routine business was disposed of. At 11 o'clock, on motion, the meeting adjourned to meet at 3 p.m.

According to previous arrangements with Premier Campbell, and present, numbering upwards of forty, now proceeded to the Parliament Buildings, where half an hour was spent in conference with His Honour Premier Campbell, and honourable members of the Executive Council, Rev. G. C. Webster, representing the delegation. Presenting a memorial to the Commission asking for consistent cooperation with the temperance forces in their efforts to promote better citizenship through the advocacy of temperate living, and loyalty to and enforcement of our prohibitory law. A special appeal was made on behalf of our young men who are offering their services to their King and Country, and memorial was supported by Rev. Wm. VerWolf, Rev. R. H. Stavert,

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HOCKEY IN BLACKOUT

HARRINGAY, England-(CP)- To conform with the national blackout, 20,000 square feet of Haringay Stadium's glass roof were painted black for the opening game in a "friendly" series of ice hockey matches.

BIRD SCORNS RAIDERS

TOTTENHAM, England-(CP)- The copper bird at the top of Tottenham Hotspurs' football ground grandstand contains news papers and coins of its period, but officials don't consider it worth removing "for the duration".

BRUSSELS

Belgium and Holland are proceeding with plans for an international match at Amsterdam or Rotterdam, Dec 10 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Dutch Football Federation.

R. A. Proffitt, D. N. MacKay, M. A. and A. J. Matheson. The Premier, on behalf of the Council, assured the delegation that his memorial would receive their most serious consideration.

Reviewing the situation, we are in a position to state, on good authority, that there has been a very substantial decrease in the quantity of liquor smuggled into the province during the past summer. We wish to express our hearty appreciation of the action of the Attorney General and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on having so effectively curtailed this illicit method of importation. On the same authority we are informed that there has been an increase in the manufacture of moonshine, which is said to be of a very inferior and dangerous type. We regret very much to say that the sale of liquor through the retail vendors on prescription by certain doctors has very materially increased during the past year. This is in direct opposition to, and violation of the letter as well as of the spirit of the law. We feel that it is within the province of the Federation to enter a strong protest against this indiscriminate wholesale sale of scripts by certain members of the medical profession, especially in this time of national crisis. Your committee, being deeply concerned over conditions as outlined a-

bove, recently waited on the Attorney General, and asked him for a statement of his reaction to the matter. He has since informed us that, in the case of five doctors, the right to issue scripts has been suspended and warning notices have been mailed to a number of others.

Since our last annual meeting, death has entered our ranks, and claimed two of our outstanding temperance workers, viz. Rev. J. M. MacLeod, of Charlottetown, and Mr. W. N. Jenkins, of Bedouque. Rev. Mr. MacLeod served this organization for a number of years as president, and later as secretary. He was a valued and faithful member of the Continuation Committee. During his ministry in the Christian Church, which extended over a period of fifty years, he was a consistent advocate of temperance, and a stalwart champion of the prohibition movement. The influence of such men as Mr. MacLeod still lives and bears fruit in the lives of those with whom he came in contact, and is a standing rebuke to those who would throw their influence with the brewers and distillers, in seeking to substitute for our prohibition law, a system which tends to increased alcoholism, and a general lowering of the standards of citizenship in the community in which it operates. Mr. Jenkins was called away in

the prime of manhood. He was a man of action. The church and the community claimed his leadership in religious and social life. He was eminently qualified for such service, and his response was prompt and generous. At the time of his death, he was president of the Maritime Layman's Association, as well as president of the Prince Edward Island Temperance Federation. His passing is a distinct loss to this organization.

In concluding this report, we wish to interject a note of optimism. While from some angles conditions are far from ideal, in fact, quite disappointing, in other respects we have great reasons for thankfulness. For years, our greatest problems were in connection with the smuggling of liquor into the province. This provided a never-failing supply for the bootlegger. It is surely gratifying to learn that this supply has been practically shut off. The problem of eliminating a few moonshine stills, and curtailing the supply of liquor through the vendor to the bootleggers, in a prohibition province, should not be insuperable. True we would still be faced with the problem of the demand and supply of an abnormal amount of liquor, through the vendors ostensibly for medical use. We believe that a strong pronouncement of public sentiment in regard to this traffic

would be of inestimable value to the Attorney General in dealing with this extremely unsatisfactory condition. GEORGE E. BROWN, President.

This report was unanimously adopted. It was decided to adjourn at twelve-thirty and meet again at two o'clock.

Afternoon Meeting

The minutes of the morning meeting were read and adopted. Rev. S. J. Boyce reported for the nominating committee as follows: President: Mr. Geo. Brown. Secretary: Rev. J. M. Blesedell. Treasurer: G. Hutchison. Vice-Presidents: Kings: Rev. H. Flanagan, Queens: Mr. D. N. MacKay, M. L. A. Prince: Mr. Ralph MacCaull. Continuation Committee: Revs. G. C. Webster, H. L. Denton, H. Stavert, G. Tilley, Mrs. H. Howard, Adj. Lynch, Dr. Moyses, Mr. MacFarlane. Sub. Committees: The Presidents and Secretaries of the Electoral District Committees. This report was adopted. Mr. G. F. Hutchison, Treasurer, gave a report of money collected and paid out. He estimated that the receipts and expenditures would balance. His report was adopted.

The Resolutions Committee then presented the following resolution: (1) That this Federation appreciates the value of the educational campaign carried on during the past year, and the good results accruing therefrom and would recommend the continuance of Temperance Education.

(2) Whereas we consider that the amount of liquor sold through v-v-r shops is excessive, contrary to the spirit and letter of the Prohibition Act. We would urge those in authority to curtail this excessive sale.

(3) Whereas for moral and economic reasons we place on record our endorsement of the stand taken by the Canadian Temperance Federation calling on all our people to join in the nation wide campaign for total abstinence for the period of war and subsequent demobilization.

(4) That the thanks of this Temperance Federation be tendered the Attorney General's Department for his courteous and sympathetic consideration given Temperance delegations from time to time.

(5) That we commend the Press for the generous amount of space given to Temperance matters.

(6) That the thanks of this Federation be tendered the President and other members of the Continuation Committee for their faithful