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The I. O. G. T. Grand Lodge of Canada of which the Supreme Lodge is in concurrent session at the Temple Building, opened in annual session at the Rich-

mond Hall, June 28th. Mr. George Spence, Grand Chief Templar, presided. In the course of his address he said:-

"For the fourth time our Grand Lodge is honored and favored by having the supreme governing body of our worldwide fraternal order meeting in its jurisdiction, and I am certain we shall all gladly avail ourselves of the rare opportunity and privilege that is afforded by the meeting of the International Supreme Lodge being held concurrently with our present session to extend to our brothers and sisters from other lands and climes cordial greeting and hearty fraternal welcome to our fair Dominion, and also to assure them of our loyalty and attach ment to our beloved order, as being the best as well as the greatest and most ag gressive temperance missionary organization in the world, together with the hope that their deliberations may result in such legislative enactments as will tend to upbuild and strengthen the order throughout the world.

Prohibitionists are greatly dissatisfied with the refusal of the Dominion Government to introduce legislation giving effect to the will of the people as expressed in the plebiscite on the question of prohibition taken on September 29th

The officially stated majority in the whole Dominion of 13,916 in favor of prohibition is a substantial one and noteworthy feature is that a great majority of the parliamentry constituencies voted in favor of prohibition. There are 213 members in our Dominion Par liament, 128 of them represent constituencies favorable to prohibition and 85 represent ones that are opposed to it so that if the members of parliament were to correctly represent the views of their constituents there would be a clear majority of 43 members in favor of prohibi-

Yet, notwithstanding the foregoing, Sir Wilfred Laurier in a letter to the secretary of the Dominion Alliance, gives the decision of the government in the following words:

'In our judgment the expression of public opinion recorded at the polls in favor of prohibition did not represent such a proportion of the electorate as would justify the introduction by the government of a prohibitory measure.' The position taken by the government is very disappointing. It was expected that the present government and parliament would deal honestly and fairly with the question and in this belief the people accepted the plebiscite in good faith. When it was first proposed in the Dominion Liberal Convention of 1893 the Hon. Mr. Fisher. in moving it as a plank in the Liberal platform, said, 'I propose to read the resolution which will bring about this result, and which pledge the Liberal party, if returned to power to give the people of Canada an opportunity to express their views upon this question and the government in power must necessarily carry out the expressed will of the people.

'There is no doubt that this is what the Liberal party would do for we know their pledges can be trusted.'

It is claimed by some the great majority recorded against prohibition in the Province of Quebec, justified the government in declining to enact legislation contrary to the will of the people there. But if that be true of Quebec, it surely cannot be right that the liquor traffic should be forced on the other provinces of the Dominion against their expressed will. It must be regarded as very unfair on the part of the government to decline to do anything whatever for the six provinces and territories that so largely favor prohibition because the seventh one is opposed to it and the course of the government in declining to take any action whatever in the promises is certainly nothing short of a breach of faith deserving of the severest censure.

Toward the close of the recent session of the Ontario Legislature an attempt was made to amend the license law so as to provide that liquor might be sold in hotels on Sundays to bona fide travellers and lodgers. The proposal if carried into effect would practically have annulled the law against selling liquor on Sunday as any person who chose might go to a hotel, take a room, and distribute liquor to his friends. The bill was introduced by Mr. German member for Welland. The Dominion Alliance promptly took action to frustrate the attempted outrage and communicated with members of the legislature and with the government asking them to oppose such an iniquitous and uncalled for measure. The bill did not come again before the House, but the incident shows the need of constant vigilance to prevent any relaxation of the restrictions in our present license laws which as it is are not abreast with the sentiment of the vast majority of the citizens of our province.

In the Grand Secretary's report makes the following allusion to the plebiscite: 'Since the Grand Lodge last met we have had a Dominion plebiscite and not

withstanding the decided majority polled for prohibition the government has refused legislation against the liquor traffic. It is argued that the government did not promise to carry out the will of the people. Then why did they ask for an expression of opinion. Does the Dominion Government mean to so grossly insult the Canadian electorate as to ask their opinion upon an important political issue and having received it to blandly state that the vote was only taken to satisfy the government's curiosity and that the people's opinion is of no value? If this be the case then it is time the members of that government were taught their duties as public servants.

Heretofore Prohibitionists have not been very active in politics for their cause: but I very much mistake the temper of those against the liquor traffic if they do not make themselves felt in the next

The political self-respect of the Prohibitionists of Canada is at stake and if they hope to exert any influence upon the government in the future they must now make an organized and determined effort to defeat every representative no matter of what party, who by his vote or influence interferes with or hinders the enactment of prohibitory legislation in accord with the expressed will of the Canadian electorate on Sept. 29 last. Prohibition is an intensely political issue. To secure such a law we must be politicans, but politicans for Prohibition only. It is no concern of ours from what party we secure the law. Parties are measured by the virtues or the evils of their legislative enactments.

SABBATH AND THE BEER QUESTION.

For the sake of the cause of temperance the beer traffic should be prohibited on the Sabbath. If the trade cannot be stopped on the holy day how can it ever be stopped on secular days? If it can be stopped on that day many advantages will result. In the first place the largest one day's drinking of the week is cut off.

It is not true that what men lose from their drinks on Sundays they will make up on other days. It is rather true that if they spend Sunday soberly they will be more likely to spend Monday so also. The sobering and hallowing respite of Sunday will be more likely to lead to better thoughts, to give conscience a chance to be heard, the home-feeling and the fear of God a chance to be felt; and the mere they are felt the more likely is the drinker to come to his senses. No drunkard is hopeless who spends his Sundays sober. Nor will men generally buy up on Saturday their drink for two days, and drink at home. The public resort, the company to be met there, the escape from the scrutiny of home, are powerful seducers to drink, many of which are taken away when the beer shops are closed. Drinking in solitude or among the surroundings of home is quite another matter from drinking where drinking is in order and where it is out of order not to

But again the temperance cause would gain because the most expensive, protracted, and riotous drinking is that done on the Sabbath, and all this would be changed. If men can be saved from the worst of all drinking days, there is hope for the other days. If they can save the wages received on Saturday and keep some of it over Sunday, they are more likely to keep it through the week, or get it into the savings bank. No one movement is more perilous to the cause of temperance than that which would make Sun. day the great day of drinking and of the worst and most demoralizing drinking of all the week. The plea that beer, by supplanting rum is a reformatory agent whose consumption on the Sabbath, or any other day tends to diminish that of heavier liquors is a groundless and oftexploded fallacy. The weaker intoxicants never satisfy the craving for the stronger but invariably excite and aggra-

But the Sabbath must be preserved against the assaults of beer for that which debauches and demoralizes the people ruins the nation. In fact what is the nation but the unity of its people? No national prosperity, no national existence ever did or ever can outlive the virtues of its people. The Christian Sabbath has done more for America than all her fertile soil, her fine climate, her rivers, lakes, forests, gold mines or coal. It has civilized and ennobled her men, purified and exalted her women, and taught her children to revere the name of their country next to that of their God.

The final and all important weight is the religious reason. Man is a being of two natures, living two lives and destined for two worlds. The Sabbath was ordained by God at creation expressly to minister to his noblest being and his immortal interests. The Sabbath is the window, the skylight of the week opened by divine law and love up through the clouds and murk and turmoil of this earthly life to a cleaner sky and a diviner life above. That skylight of the soul must be kept open or man's immortal nature must be smothered like the lost miner in the choke-damp of the mine. The. beer-drinking portions of our great cities are now a pandemonium when selling and drinking are allowed on the Sabbath. The shops must be closed and the trade stopped or we are on the way to Spanish bull-fights, after the Lord's supper, and the riot and doom of Gomorrah in the end. Let us keep the window of the Sabbath open between earth and heaven lest earth become the vestibule of hell.

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