

Prohibition Plebiscite Campaign

To All Friends of Temperance in New Brunswick.

At a meeting of representatives of the several Provincial religious denominations and Temperance bodies, held in St. John, in April 1897, "The Prohibition Plebiscite Campaign Committee" was organized, of which the undersigned were appointed Chairman and Secretary, and Mr. J. R. Woodburn, St. John, Treasurer. It was the intention of the Committee to proceed at once to organize for campaign work in the Province and preliminary steps were taken.

Unexpectedly the Plebiscite Bill, then before Parliament, was postponed. The postponement of the Bill and the uncertainty as to when it would be passed made it impracticable to proceed.

Now that the Bill had been passed, and the assurance given that the vote will be taken early in the Fall of this year, it is the duty of the friends of prohibition in every part of the Province to get ready for the great contest which is before them.

The men of the Liquor Traffic are organized for the struggle. They realize that "their craft" is in danger. They are prepared to make a desperate fight to save it from the destruction which threatens it.

To meet and defeat this powerful and well-organized enemy is our present duty. It can be done. But to do it there must be the union of all the religious and moral forces of the country, and the arousing and marshalling of these forces by simple and effective organization.

It was suggested that a Provincial Convention be called. After due consideration it has seemed to the committee that it would be better to use the time and money which would be spent in attending such Convention, in making county organizations out of which will grow the necessary community organizations.

We, therefore, suggest that leaders of prohibition sentiment in each county call, at a central place, a meeting for county organization. To such meeting all the churches, temperance societies, Young Peoples Societies, &c., in the county should be asked to send representatives; and such meeting may properly include all who are really interested in the great reform. The sooner such meeting is called in each county the better. Though the date of voting is not yet announced, at most the time for active work is short, probably not more than a few weeks.

The work to be done by the County organizations will include public meetings in every part of the county, the distribution of literature, and much personal canvassing besides looking after voters' lists, and, at the last, the appointment of agents to represent the prohibitionists at the polls.

There will be considerable expense in the purchase of literature, rent of halls, &c., &c., to meet which it will be necessary to raise a fund. In Quebec our friends are raising \$5000 for the work there, and in other Provinces liberal contributions are being made for the campaign. While not so much will be needed in this Province as in some, the friends of the movement should see that there is no lack in this respect. Besides individual contributions, the churches and societies will, we hope, be disposed to take collection for this purpose.

The Dominion Alliance has had prepared a series of Leaflets suitable for the campaign, which will be furnished at prices below the cost of production. Mr. F. S. Spruce, 51 & 52 Confederation Life Building, Toronto, Ont., will answer all inquiries about literature, and will furnish it when ordered.

Now, let us all to the work. A great responsibility is upon us all. Every citizen is face to face with a solemn duty. If that duty is faithfully discharged righteousness will triumph.

Our appeal is to all men and women who are concerned for the welfare of the country

and anxious to strike a blow at the liquor traffic the country's most powerful and cruel enemy.

Let there be an immediate rally in every part of the Province. And then push the battle with skill and courage.

Jos. McLEOD, Chairman.
G. W. FISHER, Secretary.

P. S. The Executive Committee wishes to be notified of Plebiscite organizations as soon as they are effected; and will, also be glad to assist in any way in their power where assistance is needed. Correspondence may be addressed either to the Chairman, at Fredericton, or to the Secretary, at Fairville.

A Brave Woman.

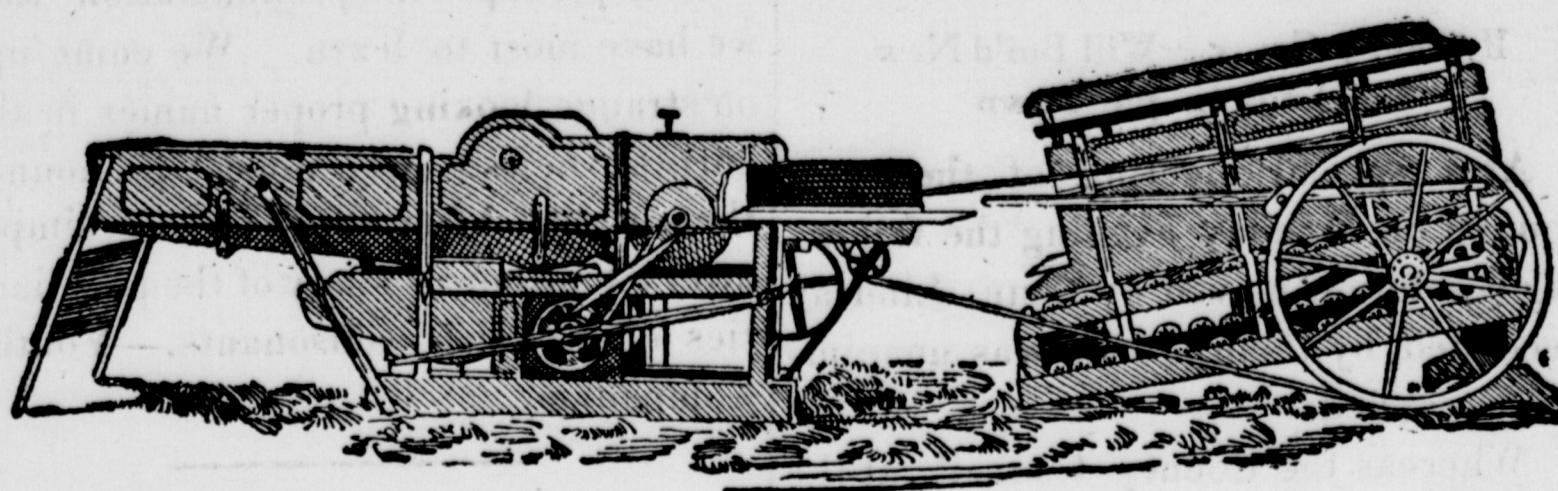
Mrs. Lizzie Goodman lately walked 400 miles, from Memphis to St. Louis, carrying in her arms her crippled 5-year-old son. Her husband had died in poverty, and her granduncle, a farmer living near St. Louis, offered to give her and the child a home. The soles were worn off her shoes long before she reached the end of her journey, but the farmers all along the road were kind to her, giving her food and a night's lodging whenever she asked for it. In St. Louis some compassionate women supplied her with shoes, and she set out courageously to walk the few remaining miles to her uncle's home in Baden.—Boston Woman's Journal.

Suffered For Years.

Joints and Limbs were Swollen Three Times Their Natural Size—The Sufferer in Bed for a Year and a Half.

From the Echo, Warton, Ont.

Mrs. Wm. Thew, who is well known in the town of Warton, was a sufferer from heart trouble and articular rheumatism for a period of fifteen years. Lately her condition has so much improved that a reported of the Echo called upon her to ascertain to what cause the change was due. Mrs. Thew while not courting publicity, consented to give a brief statement of her case in hope that some other sufferer might be benefitted. She said;—"My joints were all swollen up to three times their natural size and for a year and a half I was unable to leave my bed. I secured medical treatment and the doctors told me I would never be able to walk again. I took medicine they prescribed but it failed to give any relief. I took patent medicines but they did not help me. Having noticed an advertisement in a paper for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, I concluded to give them a trial and they gave me relief from the time I commenced using them about the first of January last, I have taken ten boxes. I am now able to go around without assistance and do all my housework." Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure by going to the root of disease. They renew and build up the blood, and strengthen the nerves, thus driving disease from the system. Avoid imitations by insisting that every box you purchase is inclosed in a wrapper bearing the full trade mark Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

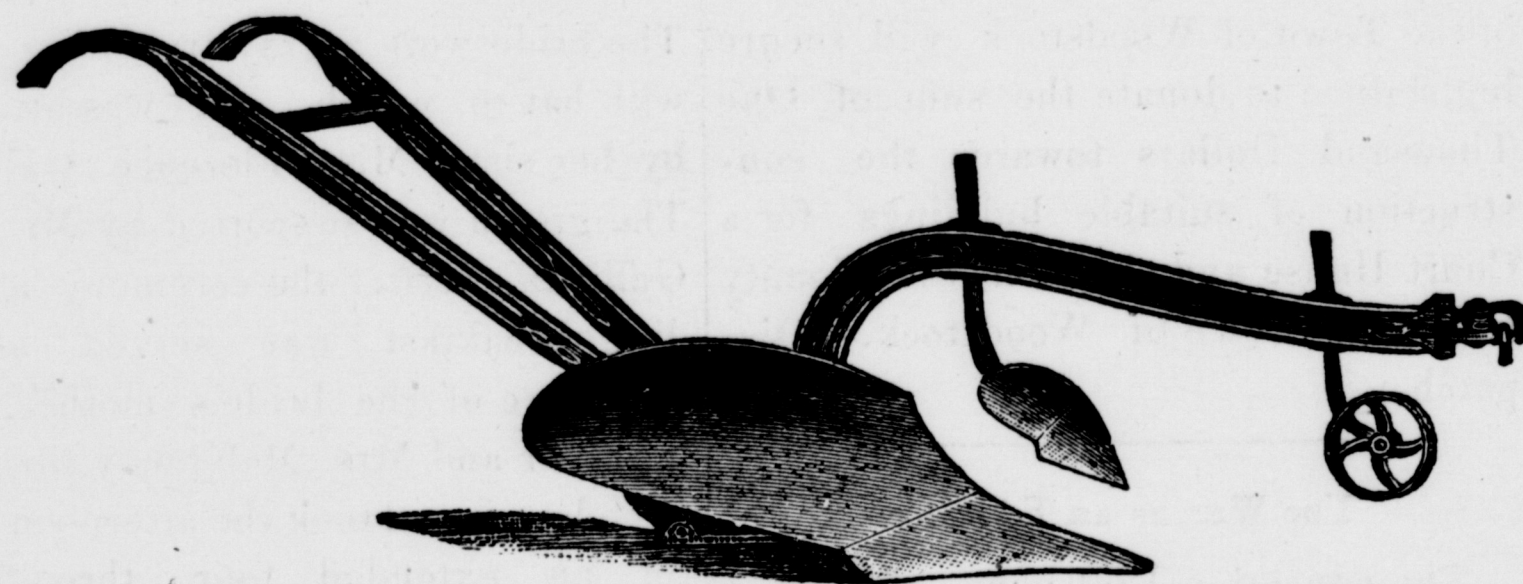


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