



SOWING WILD OATS.—From Ram's Horn.

ed that he would always subordinate party to Prohibition. These results have been secured by the courage of a fraction of the Prohibitionists refusing to support the party unless they would recognize "the supreme issue." It remains for Prohibitionists in other parts of the Dominion to walk by the same rule and mind the same thing.

The Alliance plan of running an independent Prohibition candidate, when candidates nominated by the old parties are unsatisfactory, was put to the test in the bye-election of South Westworth, Ont., in January. By an agreement between the "machine" men of both parties, a Liberal candidate was to get the seat by acclamation. The man chosen was an open and generous patron of the saloon. On nomination day, one week before the election, W. W. Buchanan was put forward as a protest, and made a vigorous campaign, polling upwards of thirty per cent of the vote cast. Hon. Geo. W. Ross and Hon. John Dryden came to the rescue, and the local Opposition leaders also worked hard for the Government candidate. The maladministration of the

License Law by Provincial officials was made a lively issue.

Westmorland, N.S., has, for the third time, refused, by a substantial majority, to repeal the Scott Act. A feature of the vote was that over seven hundred of the signatures to the repeal petition were affixed by the "X" mark, the petitioners being unable to write their names. The railway city of Moncton gave a majority of 542 in favor of the Act. The majorities against it were almost wholly confined to the Acadian settlements.

Five provincial conventions of Royal Templars are on for this month: namely, British Columbia, Territories, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. Thos. B. Flint, the Prohibition leader in Parliament, will speak at the Ontario and Quebec conventions. Great interest is manifested in the Ontario convention as to the stand that will be taken with regard to Political Action. A. M. Featherston, the Dominion presiding officer of the Royal Templars, visited the provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia and the Territories during

December, and was welcomed by large audiences.

At its last quarterly meeting, held in New Glasgow, the Nova Scotia Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance resolved upon more aggressive and advanced political action. In Charlottetown, P. E. I., a Citizens' committee, with Hon. Mr. Farquharson, M.L.C., as president, and a membership of over 400, including some of the first citizens of that place, was formed to aid in securing the effective enforcement of the Scott Act. In Manitoba a new Prohibition journal called the "Advance" has made its appearance. It is published in Manitou. Edited with marked ability, and thoroughly aggressive, it cannot fail to impress its constituency favorably to Prohibition.

The Provincial and Dominion W. C. T. U. conventions have re-called public attention to the fact that there is an earnest, active, aggressive, unpromising body of Christian workers for Moral Reform whom the liquor traffic cannot afford to despise on account of their sex. Women though they are, they have the courage and