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"Nailed to the Mast."

THEY APPEALED TO HALTON

AND THEY HAVE THEIR ANSWER!

A GLORIOUS VICTORY!

The Banner County of Ontario
Wins Fresh Laurels.

For weeks past the most important place in the Dominion of Canada has been the little county of Halton. Three years ago, Halton adopted the Scott Act. After fighting and overcoming the numberless obstacles placed in their way by the liquor-sellers, the temperance people were just congratulating themselves that the Act was working steadily and effectively, when a new election was sprung upon them. A formidable petition for the repeal of the Act in Halton was brashly offered over the whole country by Mr. King Dodds and the other hired defenders of the liquor trade, who triumphantly pointed to the long list of signatures—not explaining when the signatures were obtained, or how many were valid. The liquor men called upon the world to witness that Halton had had three years' experience of prohibition, and that on the 9th of September the men of Halton would declare by their votes that prohibition was bad and should be driven out of the county.

Having so loudly insisted that other

counties and cities should guide themselves by Halton's action, they must not grumble if other counties and cities accept their advice. The men of Halton have declared their approval of prohibition by a majority actually larger than that by which they first adopted it. The vote of three years ago stood: For the Scott Act, 1,483; Against, 1,402; majority, 81. We have not yet received the exact figures of Tuesday's vote, but we believe the majority to be 175.

Full particulars of this great fight will appear in next week's WAR NOTES. Send orders early for extra copies, to spread the good news broadcast over the country.

sellers have had a convention in Renfrew. The *Mercury* remarks: "We believe it is conceded by many of those who are against the Act that it is pretty sure to be carried in this county, and that therefore there will not be a great deal of money put into the contest by the local men; though if anything is contributed by the big outside grog manufacturers, it will be spent to the best advantage in fighting the Act."

WELLINGTON.—A large meeting has been held in the Morrison town hall, all seeming hopeful that the Scott Act will carry in this county by a large majority. A large number of Germans were present, and were addressed in their own language by the Rev. Mr. Staebler.

STANSTEAD.—The petition from this county, where the voting takes place on the 9th of October, was signed by a third of all the electors on the list.

circulate 800 *War Notes* every week in the town."—Another correspondent writes that the work progresses well here, and many who were indifferent to the success of the attempt to introduce the Act have, by the action of the hotel-keepers in charging a high tariff to temperance men, been brought into direct opposition to the liquor interest.

LEEDS AND GRENVILLE.—In spite of the violent opposition of certain interested parties in Brockville and elsewhere, we learn from impartial business men who have recently been through these counties that the act is sure to pass.—A very successful meeting has been held at Oxford.—A friend writes from Prescott: "We have many difficulties to contend with here, and our W. C. T. Union is but small; yet we are much encouraged by our success hitherto."

MIDDLESEX.—The campaign in North Middlesex has been opened by a splendid meeting at Parkville, when three-fourths were in favour of the Scott act. Two of the speakers were Halton and spoke from experience. "Scribe" writes us that a local branch of the alliance was formed, and work has begun in earnest.

BRUCE.—At a meeting at Ripley, addressed by Mr. Summerville, M.P., a Scott Act organization was formed for Huron township, with Mr. John Humbertson as president. Within ten days, petitions were forwarded to headquarters with more than the required number of voters' signatures.—The Rev. A. M. Phillips, replying to a recent speech of Mr. E. King Dodds, addressed a capital meeting in Walkerton drill shed.

COMPTON.—The petitions in this county have already received 800 signatures, and the 230 still required will soon be added. The liquor men are beginning to feel that the Scott Act is going to come into force, and to be in force in reality as well as in name.

BRANTFORD.—A London paper, a strong opponent of the Scott Act, has been spreading a report that the Act will not be submitted in this city. This is not true. The Act will be submitted, and the petition canvass is being energetically pushed.

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NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

Halton's Noble Example to be Followed by Every County—Petitions and Prospects—The Fighting Becomes General.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.—A Grafton correspondent writes that the local division of the Sons of Temperance is not behind in the work, but is helping other organizations to raise a Scott Act fund. "Within three or four weeks there have been four large temperance meetings, and one anti-Scott, at which Mr. Spence, Secretary of the Alliance, attended, and three-fourths of the show of hands was for the Act. Grafton will boom on and on till the victory is won!"

RENFREW.—The temperance men of this county have done splendid work. Though one of the last to be begun, the Renfrew petition is already filed, with more than 2,000 signatures, whereas only 1,450 were required by law. At no political election have there been 4,000 votes polled, so the prospect is very bright.—The whiskey

BRANT.—The Sons of Temperance are doing splendid work in this county.—At a meeting in the Paris town hall, the Hon. Ansley Gray delivered a most telling lecture on "The Wines of the Bible," and it has been suggested that the lecture be printed. Mr. Gray also spoke in opposition to a Mr. Griffin at Onondaga.—The antis are energetically working also; they have subscribed \$600, and have received \$1,000 from Toronto besides.

DUFFERIN.—The Dufferin Advertiser comes to the conclusion that a rousing majority will be polled for prohibition here. The Scott Act petition was signed by 1,846 voters, and the highest total number of votes cast at a political election has been only 2,453.

ONTARIO.—Eight municipalities which reported to a recent meeting of the county executive showed that over 40 per cent of all the electors had signed for the Scott Act. The news from all parts was extremely encouraging, over 2,600 names having already been obtained.

PERTH.—A friend writes us from Stratford: "As most of our papers are 'anti,' we have difficulty in getting our views before the people; but we

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