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#### Selected Articles.

#### THE SCOTT ACT CAMPAIGN.

It will be noted from our report of the Scott Act convention held in Brooklyn on Tuesday last that it has been fully decided to submit the Act in this county. The move, as every reader of the public prints is aware, is general almost to the entire Province. Ontario county proves no exception. The general plan of the campaign is the grouping together of five or six counties adjacent to one another, the contest being carried on in each at the same time. The wisdom of this move will at once be apparent to every reader. During the Dunkin contest in this county the objection was frequently urged, that it was useless to shut out liquor-selling here, when all that would be necessary to secure the coveted liquid would be to step over into an adjoining county. Ontario county, forming one of the following group, viz: York, Peel, Simcoe, Durham, Northumberland and Ontario, this argument loses all its force.

The contest is in no way one of persons, and the contestants on either side will only lose ground the moment they permit it to take this shape. It is a battle arising out of a growing public sentiment the wide world over against the selling of that which no argument at this late date is necessary to show is productive of untold harm both to the individual and to the State. It may be stated that though manufactured, people are not obliged to purchase the liquor. The fact is they do purchase, and it is manufactured because known that it will be purchased. Purchased it is consumed, and consumed it is productive of certain results. These results, to a very wide extent, prove hurtful to the individual, and hurtful to him, because of their extent and intensity, operate on the State in a degree, as shown by the administration of justice statistics of every town and county, that create alike serious trouble and expense to the State. It then becomes a State question, a question of government interference; hence such an Act as the Scott Act, giving the people the privilege of saying whether or not they desire a continuance of this condition of affairs.—*Whitby Chronicle.*

#### READY FOR PROHIBITION.

The District Conference of the Methodist Church for the Hamilton District on Tuesday adopted the following resolution unanimously:—

"We believe the liquor traffic to be the cause of a large proportion of the crime in our land and fraught with untold misery to the bodies and souls of multitudes of our people; that it possesses almost unlimited power to impair every interest of the home, the church, and the State; that it is one of the greatest hindrances to the accomplishment of the Divine mission of the Church in the world, that it is the duty of the State to prohibit this traffic and not protect it, that prohibition is not an interference with the true liberty of the citizen; that the last session of the Dominion Parliament accepted the principle of prohibition, and declared its willingness to give a prohibitory law when the country was prepared to adopt and enforce it. Be it therefore resolved that we believe the country is ready for prohibition, and that this district meeting, composed of ministers and laymen, representing a membership of upwards of 4,000, recommend the Conference to make arrangements for concerted action with all other Churches and temperance organizations in their efforts to circulate petitions to be presented to the Senate and House of Commons of Canada at their next session, praying for the enactment of such prohibitory laws."—*Canada Cashier.*

#### THE TYRANNY OF DEBAUCHED APPETITES.

Shall vicious appetite rule this land?

Shall a debauched and debauching thirst be the absolute sovereign of this nation?

Shall the hunger of depravity and the lust of iniquity be the fetters and chains which will enslave our people in a bondage more abject and miserable than any known to civilized man?

Shall drunkard-making, pauper-making, lunatic-making, widow-making, and children-starving, be the highest and most honored of employments, and shall the drunkard-makers, pauper-makers, lunatic-makers, widow-makers, and children-starvers, be our lords paramount, who shall make our laws, select our judges, appoint our rulers, and drive us like cattle, hither and yon, as they shall choose?

Shall we have escaped the odious tyranny of king, landlord, soldier and aristocrat of other lands only to fall under the vastly more loathsome despotism of professional lawbreakers, and selfish and sinister panderers to depraved appetites?

This is the vital question of the hour.

The professional drunkard-makers, pauper-makers, and children-starvers, seek to rule us that they may have greater scope and liberty in their vile work. They are using the wretched victims whom their prostituting arts have debauched and depraved to fasten upon us a yoke which will force every man and woman in the land to become their aids and accomplices in the devilish scheme of drunkard-making and pauper-making; they would drag the whole Government, Presidents and and Governors, Congress and Legislature, Supreme Courts and minor judiciaries—down to the gutter level of the saloon, the boozing den, the dive, the deadfall, and the brothel, and corrupt with a poison for which there is no antidote, every pure spring of political thought, aspiration and action.

If we would not have this thus, then there is but one alternative, one resource, one relief, and that is, *Pulverize the Liquor Traffic.*—*Tuldo Blade.*