

LOUISIANA.—The regular annual session of the Grand Lodge for this State convened at Odd Fellows' Hall, New Orleans, on the 14th inst., with the G. W. O. T. Bro. C. T. Mitchell in the chair.

A large number of the representatives from subordinate lodges were present and many received the Grand Lodge degree.

The following are the newly elected officers for the ensuing year:—W. S. Crawford, G.W.C.T.; E. T. Duckert, G.W.C.; Mrs. M. E. Terrell, G.W.V.T.; Miss K. A. McDonald, G.W.S.; Wm. C. Murray, G.W.T.; Mrs. S. Durward, G.S. of J.S.; J. D. Preston, G.W.M.; Mrs. E. Hanna, G.W.Chap.; O. S. Mitchell, P.G.W.C.T.; Miss Freddie Angell, G.S.; Miss Annie Angell, G.W.I.G.; E. W. Thomas, G.W.M.; E. Watson, W.A.M.; Mrs. C. T. Mitchell, G.W.A.S.

Bro. Hon. Michael Brooks was elected as representative to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, which is to be held at Toronto, Canada, May 26th, 1886. Mr. J. D. Preston, alternate delegate.

The next session of the Grand Lodge will be held in Baton Rouge, La., second Tuesday in April, 1886.

Campaign Everywhere.

GREY.—The petitions from this county contains 4,489 signatures, a number largely in excess of the amount required by law.

WATERLOO.—A general convention of Scott Act workers was held in Berlin on the 23rd inst., to appoint canvassers for petitions, and make further arrangements for submitting the Act in the fall, after harvest, to the electors of the county.

LEEDS AND GRENVILLE.—In the Grand Jury's presentment occurs the following paragraph:—"We have to express our regret that the use of intoxicating drinks has been the primary cause of all the cases that have come before us, with the exception of one." In his reply His Lordship expressed his great satisfaction in knowing that the liquor trade, to which the blame for so much of the crime in the counties must be given, was soon to be wiped out.—*Leeds and Grenville Independent.*

HALIFAX.—There is a quiet, but persistent influence at work in Halifax City. The object is to obtain a majority in the City Council against the Scott Act and its associate means of reform. It is said to be a systematic and determined movement; aiming at one Councillor for each ward at the very least. Are there not two that can play at that game? With all the warning they have had, will Halifax temperance workers allow this to go by default? Look to your interests!—*Clarion.*

SIMCOE.—The following is a list of the persons who received licenses from the Board of Commissioners under the Scott Act for the County of Simcoe, from May 1, 1885, to May 1, 1886, His Honor Judge Ardagh, Senior Judge County of Simcoe, Barrie; Thos. Long, ex-M.P.P., Collingwood, and Robt. Paton, Warden County of Simcoe, Commissioners:—

John Stewart, Alliston; C. R. Sneath, James Wynne, Penetanguishene; John Woods, Geo. Monkman, Barrie; W. M. Slaven, H. Cook, Orillia; W. T. Coleman, Stayner; Wholesale, M. C. Harkins, Stayner; A. H. Johnson, John Wright, Collingwood; Wholesale, D. M. Best, Collingwood; John Kidd, Athlone; H. E. Macartney, Midland; T. Edmanson, Bradford; R. Wade, Lisle; F. L. Nesbitt, Angus; John Martin, New Lowell; W. C. Lean, Hillsdale; Thos. Stone, Elmvale; C. E. Chantler, Stroud; John Mackay, Creemore; Chief Inspector.—*Northern Advance.*

BELLEVILLE.—The City Scott Act Executive Committee met in their rooms Tuesday evening last. Mr. Deacon presented a favorable report from his canvass in Murney Ward, while the canvass in the entire city is encouraging. Notwithstanding the war excitement our Temperance workers are on the "war path" earnestly and actively for the coming battle. The W.C.T.U. represented by Mrs. J. W. Dunnet and Mrs. Jas. Curtis, interviewed the Committee with reference to a monster temperance demonstration to be held in the Agricultural grounds on the 25th of May, the 24th falling on the Sabbath. This is a very praiseworthy object, and our Temperance ladies deserve great credit for their untiring efforts to make the present campaign a success.

The Hon. G. W. Ross, M.P.P., Minister of Education, is to be engaged for a lecture on the Act some time about the 24th of May.—*Patriot.*

BRUCE.—A grand convention under the auspices of the Bruce County Scott Act Association was held at Paisley on Tuesday last for the purpose of securing the earnest and hearty co-operation of every temperance man in the County to aid in enforcing the Scott Act when it comes into operation on the 1st day of May next.

The following is a complete list as far as heard from of the parties licensed to dispense liquors under the Scott Act in the County of Bruce for the current year:—W. A. Green, H. A. Wilson, Walkerton; G. McKendrick, Dr. Martyn, Kincardine; J. Smith, Ripley; R. C. Bruce, Tara; J. W. Manley, Warton, Grant & Jefferies, Lucknow; W. Thurtell, Teeswater; G. H. Goulding, Chesley; D. J. Bain, Paisley; M. F. Eby, Port Elgin; T. Holden, Southampton; Mrs. Turner, Tiverton. The Board of Commissioners met on the 20th inst. to complete the work for the county.

HASTINGS.—The petitions for the submission of the Scott Act in this county have been deposited in the office of the Registrar at Belleville for examination.

Dr. Cadieux, the famous scientific lecturer, is "stumping" the northern part of the county in favor of the Scott Act. He is very highly commended by the

press and is thoroughly posted on the terrible effects of alcohol. The Hamilton Times says: "Dr. Cadieux delivered in the Mechanics' Hall last night, during two hours, the most instructive, logical and powerful address for prohibition ever delivered in this city. At times he held the immense assembly spell-bound. His description of the burial alive of the wayfarer in the quicksand of Normandy, was listened to with breathless silence, while his charge of Cromwell's cavalry and the death of Charles I. was thrilling." He speaks in a large number of places throughout the county.

HURON.—The Board of License Commissioners for the County of Huron, met in the Court House on Thursday, April 9th. Commissioners present: His Honor, Judge Doyle, Chairman; P. Kelly, Esq., Warden; Robert Cornyn, Esq., Inspector; H. W. Ball, acting as Secretary.

The following persons will be granted licenses in compliance with the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board, which reads:—

"Resolved that persons licensed by this Board to sell liquor under the Scott Act shall carry on the business apart from all others, and in a building entirely separate from a hotel."

R. J. Turner, Brucefield, Stanley; A. Knox, Holmesville, Goderich Tp.; Jno. Dinsley, Wingham; J. P. Fisher, Auburn, E. Wawanosh; Ed. Elliott, Bayfield; Geo. Baeker, Brussels; Jno. Patterson, Wroxeter; A. Stewart, Belgrave, Morris; J. C. Johnson, Bluevale, Turnberry; Wm. Beirnes, Walton, McKillop; D. W. Dulmage, Kirkton, Usborne; L. Campbell, Gorrie, Howick; Mrs. Morley, and Jas. Moore, Clinton.—*Huron Signal.*

TORONTO.—The Ontario License Commissioners were on Friday afternoon last waited upon at Shaftesbury Hall by a large deputation of temperance workers with reference to the grocery licenses and other matters. Rev. John Smith presented a largely signed petition making the following requests:—"That no license be issued to any person or premises which depends mainly for business on the sales in the bar-room, and which cannot be classified as a bona fide hotel for the accommodation of traders or travellers, or is not a public dining-hall or restaurant. That no license be issued to the keeper or proprietor of any public hall, billiard-room, skating rink, or other place of popular resort, or contiguous thereto. That no license be granted for use on the Toronto Island. That the sale of liquors in shops, being now by law disassociated from the sale of groceries or other general merchandize, the number of shop licenses be very largely reduced. That the laws relating to the sale of liquors in licensed houses during prohibited hours, and also to the unlicensed sale of liquors at all times and places, be rigorously and strictly enforced."

Rev. Septimus Jones, Rev. W. Frizzell, Mr. F. S. Spence, Mr. Burgess, Mr. James Thomson, and others addressed the commissioners, urging that no license be granted for the sale of liquor on the Island, and that any violation of the law be prosecuted.

Mr. Thwaite in reply said the petition would receive the most serious consideration of the Commissioners. (Laughter.) They had already decided not to grant any licenses for the sale of liquor on the Island. They would endeavor to see that all licensed taverns had the accommodation required by law. They would see that the law was carried out in regard to shop licenses, and the number would be greatly reduced. They did not intend to do any injustice to those who complied with the law, and those that did not would be without licenses as far as they were concerned. As for the Dominion licenses, their instructions were to prosecute all who sold liquor under those licenses. He then spoke of the difficulty of detecting violations of the law and bringing to justice those who were guilty.

Mr. G. M. Rose said he agreed with the chairman of the Board that they would not do an injustice to anyone. There were a great many places which had not the proper accommodation, and they would be looked after.

Dr. Cassidy said the Commissioners would enforce the law impartially. Whatever they did would be the work of the whole Board, and they would do justice to all concerned.

The deputation then withdrew, after thanking the commissioners.—*Mail.*

The annual public meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society, was held in the Pavilion, Horticultural Gardens, on Tuesday evening. The attendance was very large. His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, President of the Society, occupied the chair. On the platform were Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan, Bishop of Algoma; Dean Carmichael, Revs. J. P. Lewis, Canon Osler, Dyaon Hague, G. M. Wrong, R. A. Bilkie, H. G. Baldwin, and R. W. E. Greene; Messrs. F. S. Spence, N. W. Hoyles, Dr. Snelling and others. The following parishes in Toronto, where there are branches of the Church of England Temperance Society, were represented at the meeting—All Saints, St. Anne, Church of Ascension, St. Bartholomew, Christ Church, Deer Park, St. George, St. James, St. Luke, St. Mark, Parkdale, St. Mathias, St. Peter, St. Philip, Church of Redeemer, and St. Stephen.

The proceedings opened by singing the hymn, "Father, in Thy Great Name we Meet," led by a choir of about sixty voices from the different choirs in the city. Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan, Bishop of Algoma, followed in prayer.

The Chairman welcomed all friends to the second great mass meeting of the society. Since the last meeting the interest in the society has suffered no diminution. According to the report at the last meeting of the Synod, in June, there were 52 branches of the society in operation in 48 parishes in the diocese. The total membership was 5,616, of whom no less than 4,445 were abstaining members, (applause) while the remaining 1,170 were temperate members. There were also reported 24 Bands of Hope with an aggregate membership of 2,629 members. This was one of the most promising features of temperance work. (Applause.) This work had been undertaken with prayer and had been carried on in like manner. It was to these circumstances they could ascribe the success which had attended the movement throughout the British Empire. (Applause.) The membership of the Church of England Temperance Society in England was 550,000. (Renewed applause.) He understood that the Secretary of the Society in Ireland had stated that one-seventh of the Church membership were members of this society.