

Wherefore be it resolved that as our Dominion Government has placed upon its Statute Books, a temperance enactment, properly known as the Scott Act, which where passed, virtually amounts to prohibition, and as during the last five years since this Act has been in force, it has been carried in 34 counties or cities of our Dominion, and has been found to be a decided success, and as its validity has been affirmed by the highest court in the empire, viz, the Privy Council of England—we are of the opinion that the time has come, when, for the increased security and happiness of our homes and country, this Act should be passed in these counties.

SIMCOE.—On Friday evening of last week the Anti Scott men held their first meeting in the Barrie Town Hall. The large building was crammed to the doors. Before the hour for opening the meeting parties opposed to the Act were privately admitted to the hall while the door of the main entrance was kept locked, the general public, including a large number of ladies, being compelled to stand in the street till after the time at which it was announced that the meeting would commence. Notwithstanding these precautions, the audience that speedily filled the hall after the doors were opened was fully two to one in favor of the Scott Act. The bills calling the meeting announced Mr. Dodds as the speaker and invited discussion, but Mr. Dodds refused to speak until all others who took part had spoken, thereby completely preventing any reply to his address. The chair was occupied by the Mayor of the town. Mr. T. J. Bell, of Dundas, spoke in opposition to the Scott Act and was replied to by Rev. C. R. Morrow, of Dundas.

Mr. F. S. SPENCE, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, was the next speaker, and after him Mr. Dodds addressed the meeting. The enthusiasm that greeted the temperance speakers showed plainly that a great majority of the meeting favored their opinions. Barrie expects to give a heavy vote for the Scott Act.

The *Mail* gives the report of a meeting at Collingwood: "An enthusiastic meeting was held on Saturday night in the Music Hall for the purpose of discussing the Scott Act. The Mayor occupied the chair, and in his opening remarks stated that the contest opening was a contest of temperance against intemperance. An invitation was extended to any who wished to speak against the Act. None responded. Rev. C. R. Morrow, of Otterville, then addressed the meeting. He proceeded in a few well chosen and pointed statements to picture the crime of poverty and suffering caused by the liquor traffic. Disclaiming any malice against those engaged in the liquor traffic, he showed that an evil such as this could only be met by some stringent prohibitory measure, and gave many illustrations of the beneficial working of the Scott Act in those constituencies where it has been adopted. The following resolution was then moved by Dr. Aylesworth, seconded by Councillor Cascaden, and carried unanimously by a standing vote. Resolved, 'That in the opinion of this meeting the time has come when decided action should be taken to have the Scott Act carried in our own county and throughout the Dominion, and that we pledge ourselves to united action and earnest effort to secure the result.' A vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mr. Morrow brought the meeting to a close."

The Anties held a meeting at the same place on Monday evening, addressed by Mr. Bell in opposition to the Act, and by Mr. Lewis and Rev. Mr. Bosworth in its favor.

ONTARIO.—A convention was held at Brougham on Tuesday. The gathering was large, enthusiastic and thoroughly representative. Among those present were the Rev. Chas. Langford, Claremont; P. Flint, Claremont; Rev. Mr. Birt, Rev. Thos. E. Bartley, Brougham; Rev. Wm. Forrester, First Deputy-Reeve of the township; F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, Wm. Burgess, of Toronto, &c.

Mr. Forrester, was called to the chair, and Mr. Christopher Dale, Pickering, was appointed Secretary.

Mr. SPENCE was called upon to give a statement on the nature and character of the Act. In a clear and lucid speech he explained the marked improvement of the Scott Act over the old Dunkin Act. The Act, he said, had not been generally tested in the Province because of the reaction occasioned by the failure of the Dunkin Act, and the uncertainty which existed in the minds of the temperance people until all the technical objections had been removed by the Privy Council declaring the constitutionality of the Act. It had now been adopted in twelve counties in Nova Scotia, nine counties and one city in New Brunswick, two counties in Manitoba, two counties in Ontario, and the whole of P. E. Island.

The majorities of the contests in these places make a total aggregate of 21,159 majority for the Act.

Rev. Mr. FLINT moved, "That in the opinion of this meeting the present is an opportune time to submit to the electors of this county what is known as the Scott Act." The resolution was seconded by D. B. Nighswander, of Green River, and almost every delegate expressed a strong approval of the resolution and strong conviction that the Act would be carried.

Mr. WM. BURGESS, of Toronto, as a Member of the Alliance Executive, addressed the Convention, pointing out a number of circumstances which are combining to strengthen the prospects of carrying the Act in all the twenty-one counties now preparing for a contest. He regarded the movement of the Episcopal Church Temperance Society and the Salvation Army as strong alliances in the campaign. The resolution was carried unanimously, and the Convention resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for organization. Mr. Wm. Forrester was elected President of the Pickering Township Association and Mr. C. Dale, Secretary. Canvassers were also appointed to take charge of the petitions for each of the eleven sub-divisions in the township.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the Town Hall. The attendance was large and very enthusiastic, the proceedings lasting until after 11 o'clock at night. The principal speakers were Mr. F. S. Spence, who gave a lengthy, exhaustive and eloquent exposition of the Act, contrasting it strongly with the license system. By means of a blackboard he excited great interest in the statistics which he gave. Mr. Burgess spoke in reply to the assertion that "prohibition does not prohibit," and urged the young men especially to come forward into the campaign. A very pleasing programme of music and ecitation enlivened the proceedings, given by some young people from Claremont. Votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.—*Globe*.

YORK.—The various municipalities of this county are getting their organization perfected and will shortly have petitions in the hands of their canvassers. A meeting at Parkdale on Tuesday evening, presided over by Rev. E. Clement was very successful. Mr. W. G. Fee, late Secretary of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, is superintending and assisting in the details of organization.

PEEL.—A very enthusiastic convention was held at Brampton, on Wednesday, of which the *Globe* gives the following report:—"Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, rain falling more or less all day, and the busy season in the rural parts, a large and enthusiastic convention of prominent temperance workers from the different parts of the county assembled in the Canada Methodist Church here yesterday to consider the propriety of submitting the Canada Temperance Act to the electors of this county. The convention was called by the authority and under the auspices of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance. Among the delegates present were the following: Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, Toronto; Mr. W. H. Howland, Toronto; Rev. D. L. Brethour, Milton; G. H. Kennedy, Georgetown; T. Neelands, editor of the *Georgetown Herald*; Rev. J. F. German, Rev. R. Large, Rev. T. Griffith, Rev. E. D. McLearn, Rev. C. C. Johnson, Rev. M. P. Campbell, Robert Smith, ex-M.P.; D. L. McKinnon, Public School Inspector, D. Bell, S. Aikens, Rev. W. T. Hicks, H. Paskerville, J. R. Rice, A. Bonesfield, George Graham, W. Tomalin, W. Noble, J. W. Baynon, L. Cheyne, J. W. Main, W. J. Wright, J. C. Snell, T. Halthby, R. M. Fleming, Rev. W. McFadden, Capt. Blain, Dr. Pattullo, T. H. Dickin, L. W. Tye, Brampton *Times*, C. W. Grogan, A. Agar, J. Echlin, W. McBride, E. Stone, James Graham, John Hunter, J. Hussy, W. Smith, E. Stonehouse, F. S. Mason, George Broddy, R. J. Ford, J. Nixon, W. James, Wm. Mills, D. McKinly, Geo. Greene, J. Bell, Geo. Dawson, J. Daly, F. Winters, J. Cooney, W. Wallace and W. Dickson. At 2 p.m. the pastor of the church, the Rev. Mr. German, called the meeting to order. The Rev. Mr. McFadden led in prayer. Robert Smith, ex-M.P. for the county was elected chairman, and D. J. McKinnon, Public School Inspector, was appointed secretary. The chairman then introduced Mr. F. S. Spence, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, who in a brief address sketched the history of the Canada Temperance Act, giving its leading features, how to submit it, and the success which has attended its enforcement in those counties and cities where it had been adopted. The Act had been submitted to the electors of forty counties and cities, thirty-three of which had adopted it. The total vote in the forty contests gave a majority of 22,159 in favor of the Act. So far it had never been repealed in any city or county where it had gone into force.