

Mr. Bousfield got another opportunity to reply, and was in turn effectively answered by Mr. Leitch. Mr. Bousfield was heartily cheered by the Scott Act people, who evidently regarded him as a valuable help to their cause. A few more such meetings would aid the Scott Act immensely.—*Strathroy Dispatch*.

BRUCE.—On Friday afternoon of last week a Convention of prominent temperance workers from this neighborhood was held in the lecture room of the Methodist Church, Kincardine. Rev. J. L. Murray occupied the chair, and James Warren was appointed Secretary. Rev. Mr. Smyth, President of the County Association, gave a detailed statement of the finances connected with the recent campaign in Bruce. The same gentleman also reported the result of an interview with the Mowat Government by the delegation appointed to urge the appointment of a police magistrate for the county. Such an official was appointed for Halton at a salary of \$600, but at that time a portion of the fines went to the Provincial treasury, and this paid the salary and all expenses. Hereafter the Dominion treasury will receive the benefit, and for that reason, no salary would be paid out of the funds of the Province. The deputation have reason to hope that a police magistrate will be appointed, but it will be without salary. A resolution was passed approving of the action of the County Convention in urging the appointment of a police magistrate, and recommending Joseph Barker for the position. It was decided to be imperatively necessary to take steps to have the Scott Act rigidly enforced commencing on the morning of the first day of May. This will be done by persons acting under authority of and for the executive. Other business was transacted all of which had for the main object the enforcement of the Act. The temperance people have an idea that the real hard work will commence on the expiration of the present license year, and they are early clearing their decks for action. In the evening a public meeting was held, Joseph Barker was moved to the chair. Interesting addresses were made by the Chairman and Rev. Mr. Smyth.—*Bruce Reporter*.

ELGIN.—The following is the official count of the voting on the Scott Act in the different municipalities of this county last Thursday:—

	FOR.	AGAINST.
Aldborough	204	
Dunwich	227	
Southwold	314	
Yarmouth	376	
South Dorchester	173	
Malahide	356	
Bayham	101	
Aylmer	85	
Springfield	64	
Port Stanley		18
Vienna		19
	1,900	37

Majority for the Act. 1,863.

While the ballot boxes for the eastern section of the county were being taken to St. Thomas, one box was stolen. It was taken from a room in the Mansion house, Aylmer, or from the 'bus while en route to the station. The box is supposed to be the one from polling station No. 3, South Dorchester.—*Ex*.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.—A convention of the temperance workers of the township of Clarke, was recently held in the Sons Hall, Orono. The meeting was thoroughly representative, every polling sub-division being well represented. R. Knox, Esq., our painstaking representative to the Central Committee presided. After opening by prayer and congratulating all present on the success attending our efforts under God in the late contest, he stated the objects in view in calling them together, which will appear in the action taken by the meeting. It was resolved to raise a township fund of not less than \$500 for the purpose of securing the better enforcement of the "Scott Act" when it comes into operation by procuring the services of a private prosecutor in addition to whom the Government may appoint for that purpose. Measures were taken also for the providing of houses of accommodation for the travelling public in case those now used be not available, when the "Act" comes in force.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

Resolved—"That we regret that statements have been made that are fitted to leave the impression on the public mind that the headquarters were not wisely located at Cobourg, and that the Central Committee had not done their work in a careful, economical and efficient manner, but had been guilty of indiscretion and blundering. And that after having the report of our delegates we believe that Cobourg was the best centre to work from, that the campaign has been economically conducted, and that the Central Committee is worthy of the greatest praise.

"That our efficient Chairman, R. Knox, Esq., deserves and we hereby tender our sincere thanks to him for the painstaking and efficient manner in which the local work has been conducted under his supervision. The meeting closed after benediction to meet again at the call of the Chairman.

OXFORD.—On Tuesday, 24th ult., a large and enthusiastic meeting of the temperance workers of this county, met in Chalmers Church, Woodstock. Almost every municipality was represented. The convention opened at 10 a.m. with Rev. W. A. McKay as chairman, when the following officers were appointed.—President, Rev. W. A. McKay, M.A.; 1st vice-president, Rev. T. Trotter; 2nd vice-president, Rev. Mr. Munro. Rev. C. R. Morrow was reappointed corresponding secretary, and C. R. Oliver, solicitor, minute secretary of the association. Mr. M. Cody was again appointed treasurer, and an able plan of finance, which he submitted was heartily adopted. The report of the Business Committee was a very important one, and led to a good deal of discussion. The finances were reported as in a good state. Arrangements for enforcing the Scott Act, when it comes into operation in May next, were discussed, and several important measures were adopted. The following resolution was heartily carried:—"That a strong Executive Committee be appointed, consisting of the ministers of Woodstock and the following laymen: Joseph Rippon, M. McPherson, H. Dickenson, D. W. Karn, E. L. Dawson, W. H. Eakins and J. M. Grant, in connection with the county executive, to carry out the purposes of the association." The next resolution, which is as follows, was carried by a rising vote: "That while we rejoice in the measure of success achieved, we pledge ourselves not to cease our efforts till total prohibition is reached." The following chairman of municipalities, members of the executive, were appointed: East Nissouri, Samuel Towle; West Zorra, Rev. R. Scott; North, Mervin Cody; South Embro, H. Macaulay; East Zorra, Anthony Miller; Glanford, Abram Bean; Blenheim, Thos. Passmore; East Oxford, Nicholas Smith; Ingersoll, Geo. Williams; North Oxford, John McKay; Dereham, Richard Butler; Tilsonburg, E. D. Tilson; South Norwich, R. C. Coole; North Norwich, Samuel Stevens. The convention then adjourned, to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Ingersoll, on April 28, at 1 p.m.—*Tilsonburg Liberal*.

KENT.—A quarterly meeting of the County of Kent Temperance Association was held in the W.C.T.U. rooms on Thursday of last week, President, H. F. Cumming in the chair. Meeting opened with reading of chapter from the Bible, prayer and praise. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

It was thought wise that a sum of money should be kept continually on hand in the treasury in order to retain and maintain an interest in the objects of the association.

It was suggested, and the idea carried into effect, to send telegrams to those counties in which voting was taking place that day—Lambton, Elgin, and a county in Quebec. The telegrams were to this effect: "The Kent Temperance Association sends greeting. See Joshua I. 9."

Mr. Gardiner, treasurer, reported the condition of finances as follows:—Receipts, \$763.28; disbursements, \$649.20; balance, on hand, \$132; liabilities, \$170.

The idea of setting apart a day for a general praise meeting and thanks offering was suggested, and very generally endorsed.

Upon motion, Easter Sunday was named. Each minister in the county will be asked to hold a praise meeting, preach a suitable discourse, and take up a special collection towards the funds of the association.

The next general conference of the Methodist Church being appointed to meet in Chatham this year, opening on the first Wednesday in June, the President suggested holding a grand monster temperance picnic during its session, which shall take place in Kent,