

The anti-Scott party here had Mr. Fahey in the township of Nottawasaga during the whole of last week. He has addressed meetings at Nottawa, where he was opposed by Rev. Mr. Rodgers, at Duntroon, opposed by Mr. R. C. Campbell; at Dunedin again opposed by Rev. Mr. Rodgers; and at Creemore, when he was met by Rev. E. Bosworth, of Collingwood. The Orange Hall was crowded. The usual points were rehearsed by Mr. Fahey and were fairly met by his rev. opponent. At the close the following resolution was carried by a good majority:—"That believing the passage of the Scott Act would lessen drunkenness, pauperism, and crime, therefore we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to secure its adoption in the county of Simcoe." This is the second time this week that the Antis have been defeated at their own meeting, a similar resolution having been carried at Nottawa on Monday evening.

Huron.—There was a Scott Act meeting in the village of Manchester, in Huron County, on the 3rd inst. The speakers for the Act were Rev. T. M. Campbell, of Goderich, and the editor of the *Signal*, and for the other side the editor of the *Exeter Reflector*, and Mr. Collins, a legal luminary, of Exeter. Mr. Collins was introduced to the meeting as Mr. Bell. There was a good attendance, and both sides had a fair hearing. The anti-Scott men both allowed intemperance was an evil, and that they would like to see it removed, but that it could not be done, and so must be tolerated and nursed and cared for as a running sore. The nurse is the license system. Altogether their arguments were few and exceedingly lame.

The Scott Act men appealed to the Christian sympathy and moral sense of the people, and quoted testimonials and figures to sustain their arguments in favor of the Act. The Antis objected to the use of Scripture, or religious, or moral feelings, and it was quite noticeable how they cringed under the earnest Christian appeal of Mr. Campbell. Each speaker was allowed 40 minutes, and Mr. Campbell 10 minutes at the close to reply. On a division being taken fully two-thirds of all present stood up in favor of the Scott Act.

The Exeter lights did not want the vote taken as they felt their side was away down in the minority, and that they had done so poorly for the trade which no doubt pays them well for their work.

If Manchester is any criterion to go by, the Scott Act will be carried by a large majority in Huron. Those antis did not dare to produce anything to show an increase in taxes, or that farmers could not sell their barley, or stock cattle. They believe in moral suasion only as the true means of aiding the abolition of the liquor trade, but yet they would not like personally to do any of that work.—*Visitor*.

CENTRAL.—A meeting called by the Dominion Alliance, of representatives of the various counties and cities now organizing for the submission of the Scott Act and for the maintenance of the Act in Halton County was held last Thursday in the CANADA CITIZEN office, Toronto. The following representatives were present:—Rev. Mr. Cameron and Rev. D. L. Brethour, Halton; Rev. Mr. Russ, Norfolk; Mr. E. Muir, Dufferin; J. J. Strong, Simcoe; A. McGilvary, Glengarry; J. P. Rice, Peel; Rev. J. G. Calder, Lambton; Captain Blain, Peel; Mr. Watson, Huron; Rev. J. Ferguson, Russell and Prescott; D. H. Williams, Middlesex; W. R. Warner, East Middlesex; John Milne, York; W. J. McMurtry, Ontario, and Foster, Huron; R. Boyle, Prince Edward; Dr. Alguire, Cornwall; J. Squance, Elgin; L. Ferguson, St. Thomas; C. Ewen, Northumberland and Durham; Rev. M. L. Pearson, Lennox and Addington. Also the following members of the Alliance Executive; Rev. John Smith, Geo. Fee, J. Spence, W. Burgess, and F. S. Spence. The Rev. Mr. Cameron, one of the vice-presidents of the Alliance, was called to the chair. Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary, explained that the Alliance deemed it desirable to call a meeting at this time of the presidents or other official heads of the movement in each county where the Act was to be submitted for mutual encouragement and concerted action.

Reports were then taken from the committees in the following order:—

Dufferin.—Representative reported that the petitions that have come in so far show a majority of the electors; believe that fully half the electors of the county will sign the petition, and that the majority at the poll will be large.

Norfolk.—Petitions about complete; every prospect of a brilliant success. The friends estimate a probable majority for the Act on voting day at from 1,000 to 2,000 out of the 8,000 electors.

Simcoe, including thirty townships in Muskoka—Petitions to be completed next week. So far as they can judge, from thirty-five or forty per cent. of all the electors will sign the petition, only twenty-five per cent. being necessary for the submission of the Act. Simcoe is safe. Some of the friends estimate the probable majority at 2,000.

Glengarry, Dundas and Stormont are moving together, and are similarly situated. Petition deposited at Ottawa on 14th May last, and they are waiting the result. They had between thirty-five and forty per cent. of the electors on the petition and could have easily had more.

Peel.—Petition complete with about half of the available electors. They have 650 more names on the petition than the required number, and have no fears of the result.

Ontario.—Believe they will carry the Act by a large majority. Petitions are not yet completed, but reports are encouraging from all parts of the county.

Lambton.—Have had three fights in the county. Carried Dunkin Act. Then Scott Act, which was set aside on a technical question. Then fought it again, and lost by small majority. But will carry it this time. Friends are ready for the battle, and have every prospect for success.

Huron.—Organized a month ago. Petitions in course of signature, and will have about 40 per cent. of electors on the petition. Friends are pretty sure of a large majority vote for the Act.

Prescott and Russell.—Some difficulties are met with here, peculiar to the district, but friends are organizing, and will soon be ready to fall into line.

Middlesex.—This is a large county to work. So far about 4,000 signatures have been received, but as there are about 20,000 electors, another 1,000 is needed. These can be got. The friends are arranging to get 30 per cent. at least on the petition. One trouble they have is that the city of London is looked upon as a great drawback to the successful working of the Act, unless London also falls into line, and they are conferring with this in view. One gentleman has offered \$1,000 towards the expenses if they do so.

Northumberland and Durham.—The feeling in favor of the Act is very strong here. Carried Dunkin Act with majority of 2,000, and believe the Scott Act will be still better received by the electors. The petition will be ready by Aug. 1.

Essex.—The work here is hard, but they are working at the petition with fair prospects.

Prince Edward.—The canvass in this county is complete, and the petition is ready for deposit, Temperance people anticipate a large majority vote for the Act.

Elgin.—The difficulty here is the same as in Middlesex. If the city of St. Thomas could be made sure of there is no fear of the county, but the question constantly arises. If the city does not carry it will be difficult for the county to work the Act.

St. Thomas City.—The temperance people are working together with the county, although the vote must be separate. The prospects are good and the public meetings largely in favor of the Act. At anti-Scott-Act meetings no show of hands is taken. At the Scott Act meetings only a few, some dozen or so, are shown against them. The prospects are improving every week.

York County.—Is not yet fully organized. There is some dread of the overshadowing influence of the city, but the friends of the Act believe that they will be ready in good time. The Dunkin Act results have discouraged many of the temperance people, so that there is indifference to contend with. But the leaders have no fear of the results. York county will not be found lagging in the fight.

Halton.—In this county the temperance people are ready for the repeal vote whenever it may come, with no fear of the consequences if it come to a vote.

After a full discussion of the situation it was unanimously resolved to push forward all petitions so as to have them ready by the 1st of August. A deputation was appointed to wait upon the Dominion Government to urge that the voting should take place at the same time in the different counties.