

LINCOLN.—A convention to arrange for submitting the Scott Act to the electors of Lincoln County, was held Thursday of last week at St. Catharines in the Sons of Temperance Hall. There were present a large number of prominent men from different localities, among whom were Mr. R. Murgatroyd, County President; Dr. M. Youmans, Secretary; Rev. Messrs. Murray, Porter, Wetherald, Cleaver, Burson, Maitland, Ratcliff, White, A. Cole, B. Smith, W. B. Adams, D. M. St. John, W. Morgan, H. F. Bridgman, W. B. Rittenhouse, J. O. Fisher, J. Denton, R. Clement, I. J. Calder, S. Alter and D. Davis. The proceedings were commenced at eleven, when reports were received from every municipality in the county, and nearly all gave the assurance of a strong sentiment in favor of the Scott Act. In the afternoon the attendance was immense and the people enthusiastic. The President delivered a very earnest address, followed by Mr. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance. Speeches were also made by Rev. Mr. Porter and Rev. Dr. Williams, after which the following resolution was moved by Mr. Byron Smith, seconded by Mr. J. F. Calder, and unanimously carried, "That we proceed at once to circulate petitions and commence work for the adoption of the Scott Act in the County of Lincoln." A resolution was also adopted urging the co-operation of adjoining counties, and a letter in favor of this proposal was read from Hon. A. Vidal, President of the Dominion Alliance. Arrangements were completed for perfecting municipal organization and pushing the petition through at once. Mr. Spence addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting at night.

ESSEX.—A large and influential meeting of the friends of the temperance cause throughout the county, was held in Essex Centre on Friday last, to consider the advisability of submitting the Act to a vote of the people. Reports were given in from a considerable number of sections where the minds of the people had been carefully ascertained, and a decision was unanimously come to, favorable to the submission of the Act. Organizations as complete as possible will be made throughout the whole county, public meetings will be held in various sections to promote the interests of the cause, and all necessary steps taken to secure the voice of the people during the coming year.—*Essex Record*.

PONTIAC, QUE.—The prohibition movement is rapidly making headway in this county. Clarendon, the banner township of the county, is ready for prohibition. Bristol, Onslow, and Thorne will go prohibition by large majorities; Litchfield and Calumet Island, through the good offices of Revs. Fathers Ouillet and Ferrari, with the Protestant clergymen, are expected to count up largely for prohibition. From any farther up the county we have no definite news, further than that both on Allumette Island and Sheen a sound temperance feeling exists amongst the people which will always count up well when the question is submitted to the polls. If Renfrew county goes for prohibition to-morrow, we believe no time should be lost in submitting the question to the electors of this county.—*Pontiac Advance*.

BRUCE.—A convention of delegates from the different municipalities in the county met in the Methodist church, Walkerton, on Tuesday last. After mutual congratulations on the successful issue of the Scott Act campaign a good deal of important business was transacted. Attention was called to the fact that the law had been violated by the liquor party in several particulars, especially in the sale of liquor on polling day. The prevailing opinion seemed to be that such parties ought to be prosecuted and the matter was left in the hands of the Executive Committee to act according to their judgment. Votes of thanks were given to the President, Secretaries and Messrs. Fee, Philips, P. Millard for the excellent services rendered by them. Votes of thanks were also given to newspaper men who came out boldly and advocated the Scott Act. The central committee were instructed to devise a plan as soon as possible to provide hotel accommodation in those places where hotel keepers are charging exorbitant rates.

The convention determined to give their hearty sympathy and support to all hotel keepers who would agree to keep temperance houses, but felt bound to make such an agreement as would prevent the public from being entirely at the mercy of lawless hotel keepers. It was agreed to continue the present central committee which has managed the affairs of the convention with economy and success, and to instruct them to form and continue local organization where-

ever they are deemed necessary for the enforcement of the Act. The following resolution was passed unanimously. Moved by Mr. George, and seconded by Mr. Webster, "That in view of the number of counties that have passed the Scott Act and the desirability of taking such united action as shall make the working of it effective from the beginning be it resolved that this association in convention assembled recommend that the Dominion Alliance be and is hereby requested to call a convention of delegates from those counties which have passed the Act, as well as from others who may be interested in its working, to consider what step may be necessary in order to secure uniformity of action on the part of supporters of the said Act, as well as such Government support in the appointment of officers as shall make the Act thoroughly effective."—*Bruce Telescope*.

LANARK.—The voting on the Scott Act in Lanark County has through the machinations of the liquor party, been shelved over from the month of November into December, and thus the Act cannot come into effect next May, as it would if carried in November, but will have to remain over until the end of the next license year. The means to which the organized liquor dealers have resorted in this usurpation of the will of the people calls for the most absolute condemnation. The petition was made ready, and contained several hundreds more than the necessary 25 per cent. of the signatures of the electorate; it was duly filed in the Sheriff's office, taken to Ottawa, found to be correct in every detail, and the Government Proclamation, calling a poll on Nov. 20th, was about to be issued, when, by preconcerted plans, a professional representative of the liquor interests appeared at the Capital and asked that the proclamation be not issued, as he had "serious objections" to prefer against the petition. He was asked to make them, but, instead of doing so, requested a delay of "a few days." The value of these "few days" will be understood when it is shown that there were but ten days from the proposed day of voting (Nov. 20th) until the end of the month, after which a vote would have no effect upon next year's liquor licenses. So far as has been learned no objections have been filed, but the time in which to make them was granted, and that was all that was desired. To complete the farce, the liquor men then circulated a statement as to the specific nature of their "objections." These flimsy quibbles amount to nothing—even if they had been filed.

These are hard, indisputable facts, and go to prove that the object of the liquor dealers was not to see that the provisions of the Act were enforced, but that their scheme to delay the vote on the Act might be carried into effect, no matter what means were necessary. We ask our readers in this county—we ask the electors of South Lanark—we ask the fair-minded people of every shade of politics and of every phase of belief on the temperance question—what is your verdict upon the unfair means taken by a few to pervert the will of the people? What think you of the ease with which unscrupulous men have accomplished their object without any show of reason—without any other motto than "The end justifies the means?"—*Carleton Place Herald*.

MANITOBA.—Although the supporters of the Scott Act in this province have up to the present time been making very little noise, substantial progress has been made during the past few months, in the line of preparation for an extensive and energetic campaign.

Organization has been completed in nearly every county and city in the province, and reports show that in eight counties the work has been pushed with energy and enthusiasm, and in the cities of Winnipeg and Brandon good substantial progress has been made. In a few of the counties the local organizations have failed to resort, and are probably inactive. During the present month each of these counties will be visited by the agent, Rev. J. E. Allen, and the machinery will be put in motion.

The active counties are as follows:—Manchester, with a central committee at Dominion City; D. G. Dick, chairman; E. J. Rainsey, secretary; Marquette, Central Committee at Meadow Lea; Josiah Scott, chairman; J. R. Brown, secretary, Baie St. Paul P.O. Portage la Prairie, town and county, Central Committee at Portage la Prairie; Rev. A. Bell, chairman; W. Miller, secretary. Dufferin, Central Committee at Nelson; Mayor Duncan, chairman; J. R. Bonny, secretary. The work in this county is divided among the following committees:—The municipalities of Carleton and Rhineland, under the Central Committee; South Dufferin, under a committee at Manitou, with Rev. D. S. Houck, chairman, and W. A.