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We send this week to a great many of our subscribers extra parcels of specimen copies of *The Canada Citizen*. Our friends will very much oblige us, and also aid the good cause materially, if they will kindly distribute these extra copies, at once, among persons who will be likely to become subscribers

One or two of our friends who subscribed for the CANADA CITIZEN on our special offer to ministers must have missed receiving the promised books. We have received from the post office authorities some books off which the enclosing wrappers had accidentally been torn. The address being gone we cannot tell for whom the books were intended. If those who do not receive the books sent them, will kindly notify us, we will mail them new sets.

In another column we give a report of a recent meeting of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, and we desire to call special attention to the action and recommendation therein reported. There ought to go forward, from every church and every temperance society in the land, an earnest and vigorous protest against the outrageous mutilation of the Scott Act that the Dominion Senate has proposed. Let meetings be held, and let the deep feeling of the right-thinking part of the community be unmistakeably expressed.

We hope our Good Templar friends will not forget the R. W. G. L. meeting at the Educational Department buildings in this city, commencing on Tuesday, the 26th inst. This will be one of the most important and interesting gatherings of temperance advocates that has ever been convened in Canada. Representative workers will be present from many parts of the world to take counsel together and legislate in the interests of the Independent Order of Good Templars and the cause that this society is organized to promote. All Good Templars who can possibly manage to do so ought to endeavor to attend this session.

In a recent letter to the *Globe*, Rev. D. L. Brethour pertinent enquires whether or not the compensation advocates will demand that those parties who held only Dominion licenses last year, will be compensated for the loss of their business, now that the Dominion Government has gone out of the license business. It is well worthy of note that the liquor-sellers who are still going on do not say a word in behalf of the cause of their suffering brothers.

Before another number of *THE CANADA CITIZEN* is in the hands of our readers, the Scott Act will have been voted upon by the city of Kingston and the county of Frontenac. We are glad to be able to state that the prospects for success in both are good, but the liquor men are working hard. Our friends must do their duty and roll up as large majorities as they possibly can.

### POLLINGS FIXED.

REMEMBER THE WORKERS IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Kingston, Ont.....	May 21	Middlesex, Ont.....	June 18.
Frontenac, " .....	" 21.	Perth, " .....	" 18.
Lincoln, " .....	June 18.		

### THE SENATE AND THE SCOTT ACT.

It is seldom that in these modern days of so-called responsible government, any body of legislators attempts such a defiant outrage upon the rights and liberties of the people as that perpetrated by a majority of the Senate at Ottawa last week.

A bill, promoted by a committee of the Dominion Alliance, had been introduced in the House of Commons. It was a measure of the mildest sort, merely providing for some slight alteration in the Scott Act, to make its working more effective. The House of Commons further weakened even this weak bill, and it came before the Senate with nearly as much evil in it as good. The members of the Senate at once proceeded under some strange infatuation to turn the whole thing into an out-and-out measure in the interests of the liquor traffic, and for the utter emasculation of the law that they had the impudence to pretend they were amending. They provided that any medical man could dispose of any form of liquor notwithstanding the law; they threw out a clause imposing a penalty upon any medical man who would so far forget himself as to prostitute his professional position by pandering to appetite and avarice; they abolished a provision that furnished valuable forms to be used in prosecuting those who sold liquor illegally; and finally, they brought their work for the cursed drink system to a climax by adopting the following:—

"That the dealing in ales, porter, lager-beer, cider and light wines containing not more than 12 per cent. of alcohol, be exempt from the operation of "The Canada Temperance Act of 1878."

Hon. Messrs. Power, McMullan, Dickie, Almon, Dever, Thibaudau, Plumb, Haythorne, Odell, and Sir Alexander Campbell were among the members who worked most diligently for the destruction of the Scott Act.