

PICTOU,

County Deputy Marshall writes. "I am unable to report large increase, still the progress of Temperance is real. From every part of our County we hear that our principles are becoming settled in the public mind. I heard it stated publicly by Brother W. Carmichael, M. P.: "Pictou has no open houses on nomination day!" Contrast this statement with the experience of by-gone days. "Mainmast" is firm, with immediate prospect of increase. "Fraser" is in a prosperous condition. "New Glasgow" is moving forward. Gladstone" is all that we could wish — enterprising, zealous and faithful. They have moved into their new hall. "Oriental" has not been in a healthier state for 20 years. Twenty-two initiations during the last quarter, and many excellent marks among these. Temperance is steadily advancing in the town of Pictou. Imports of ardent spirits reduced by 1,000 gallons during the past year. And Brothers I would state it as my firm conviction, matured by observation and reflection, that if the temperance people of Pictou County are faithful to their present trust and standing, they will carry the county in less than five years on a *Prohibition* ticket. Thousands are ready for it to-day!

HALIFAX COUNTY.

County Deputy Parsons reports as follows: "Of the 21 Divisions in the County, 7 have reported through their Deputies—the 5 Divisions of the city, together with "Rising Sun," No. 52, and "Day-Spring," No. 217.

Brother Gray, reporting from the city Divisions, says,—“I have visited the five city Divisions, and have installed the officers. I have great pleasure in informing you they are all in good working order.”

Brother Anguin reports increased attendance and interest in the regular meetings of "Day-Spring" Division, Dartmouth. Part of the following extract from his Report can be well applied to many parts of the Province:—

"We can but view with extreme pleasure the recommendations contained in the last Presentment of the Grand Jury, and adopted by the Sessions, whereby a Clerk of License is to be appointed for the eastern sections of the County, to reside in Dartmouth. We can only hope that with the new liquor law, an efficient Clerk of License, and the active support of the Temperance men generally, we shall soon have the pleasure of reporting the rum fiend expelled from our little town."

Brother Francis Layton reports that "Rising Sun" Division is still living, and bids fair for brighter times. The meetings are quite well attended, and quite an interest manifested in the Cause. I had the privilege of visiting this Division in November, and found them preparing for their 21st anniversary.

"Morning Star" Division is inactive, and the members seem discouraged.

"Tangier" Division has been resuscitated during the quarter, and bids fair for much usefulness. "Waverley" is holding on its way. "Champion" Division, at Sheet Harbor, though not as successful as it was a year ago, still stands as one of the most active Temperance organizations in the County. "Ingraham" and "Marathon" Divisions, at Margaret's Bay, are doing well. "Granite Rock," at Sambro, is more energetic this quarter than for some time past. The Division at Oldham has a Hall now for their use, and is prospering.

"Oakland," at Meagher's Grant, is holding its own.

I have not heard from "Gibraltar," No. 171, "Richmond," No. 237, "Fisherman's Home," No. 293, "Lake Echo," No. 301, "Crystal Rock," No. 304.

The Cause of Temperance is advancing in this County. We have very much to be thankful for, and very much to do. I hope that several new Divisions will be formed during this year."

I would add here that "Richmond" Division, located near the Railway Depot, is prospering.

LUNenburg COUNTY.

From this county Deputy Skinner complains of inattention on the part of Divisional Deputies in reference to their reports, two only giving him informa-