

RENFREW.—Chief License Inspector McKimm passed through Renfrew this week, finishing his tour of inspection of the premises of applicants for licenses under the Scott Act. Since his appointment last year, he has prosecuted in about 50 cases, and succeeded in securing a conviction in only one case, and in this, the constable served the wrong person with a summons. Parties who wish to aid in the enforcement of either the License Act or the Scott Act are reminded that the Inspector keeps all sources of information secret, and it will not be known who are the "informers." Mr. McKimm thinks the Scott Act will be a much easier Act to enforce than the License Act, and with the assistance which the County Alliance will give him, expects to be able to reduce the amount of illicit selling under the Scott Act to a minimum.—*Renfrew Mercury*.

VICTORIA.—The petition movement is being pushed through with vigor and success. The Executive Committee has made arrangements for the circulation of the SCOTT ACT HERALD in every part of the County.

A correspondent from Glenasm writes us as follows:—"The Scott Act canvassers have been around in this village, and have met with great success. Every man qualified to vote has put down his name, and I am happy to inform you that nearly all in the rural districts are also signing the petitions. I have been told that one of the anti-Scott men has been on the war path in this neighborhood but is not meeting with much success, as he only secured one signature, and that was his own. He thinks the Scott Act people are a bad lot, and that the canvassers are the worst of them. I believe we can carry the Scott Act in this county with a respectable majority. The temperance people are working harmoniously for its adoption."

ST. CATHARINES AND LINCOLN.—A letter from the secretary under date March 26th, says: "Our Scott Act work in the City of St. Catharines and County of Lincoln is moving on in a most satisfactory manner. The county petition was sent to Ottawa just one month ago, and the city petition was deposited with the Registrar here, on Saturday last.

We are sure of success. This is not disputed for the county, and in the city evidence is accumulating day by day that our strength is increasing. There is no reason in the world why we should not win by a good majority. Meetings are being held in every locality, which are proving eminently successful. These are only skirmishes; not until the voting day is announced will we advance our regiments, and get out our Gatling guns and Krupp cannons. There is one good thing here. There is no over-confidence; no false security. We know our foe and are determined to overwhelm him with disaster. The "Mahdi" must be smashed.

I send you herewith a petition against mutilation of the Scott Act with 763 names attached."

WENTWORTH.—A correspondent from Millgrove writes as follows:—"As a temperance community we are sound on the Scott Act. Should it be submitted to the people in the near future, we will be able to give a good account of ourselves as a township, although we have nine hotels in the township. The majority of the Council are in favor of the Scott Act. I am one of the councillors for this township, and our hotels have only been paying \$60 license with \$12 added by the Government. We raised these licenses to \$100 after a hard struggle in the Council. One of our board contended that it was not fair to make nine ratepayers pay so much revenue to the township, namely \$252, but I contend that as they were the cause of so much revenue being spent to keep up paupers made so by strong drink sold by these men, they had a perfect right to pay some portion of it back to the township. He asked me to point out a case in question, and I then referred him to one man, who had cost the township \$75 per year for four years, directly caused by strong drink. It was a clear case and he gave in. I could point to a score of cases similar to that cited."

HALDIMAND.—Everything is quiet this week but a good deal of solid work is being done. The actual number of names on the petitions up to the present date is 2091 which is nearly 800 more than absolutely necessary and speaks well for a good majority: complete returns are not yet in and when the total is reached the above number will be doubtless increased. It is the popular opinion of all

classes that Haldimand will carry the Scott Act but considerable betting is being done as to the majority which is generally expected to be medium. One thing certain the campaign so far has been very thorough and if the efforts to induce people to cast their ballot on the right side are as earnest we may safely count on a majority of 1,000.

The change in public sentiment on this question is simple wonderful and many who were expected use all their influence against the Act have come forward and not only signed the petition but have pledged themselves to vote for the Act. The date for filing the petitions has been set for the 20th of April next and parties concerned have been notified to take notice. Everything looks well for the cause.—*Hagersville Times*.

HURON.—At a recent meeting of the County Good Templar Lodge, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

- I. Resolved that in view of the Canada Temperance Act coming into effect on May 1st, each subordinate Lodge in the District, shall, before May 1st, notify each hotel-keeper and other dealers in liquor at present engaged in the traffic, or who may take possession of places of public entertainment in their respective neighborhood, that the Lodge has resolved itself into a committee of the whole to see that the said Act is duly observed and enforced.
- II. Resolved that each church organization and all temperance societies be requested to co-operate with us in enforcing the observance of the Scott Act.
- III. Resolved that each Lodge in the District pledge itself to assist the Huron Scott Act Association in any way that may be required, and if funds are needed to furnish the same by means of public entertainments or by direct contribution.
- IV. Resolved that this District Lodge work in harmony with the Dominion Alliance and other temperance organizations.
- V. Resolved that the Secretary correspond with the Huron Scott Act Association, asking their co-operation in holding a temperance picnic for the County about June next.

The excitement that prevailed on the first Monday of November last, when it was learned that three ballot-boxes had been stolen from the court house, was renewed on Saturday, when Provincial Detective J. E. Rogers arrested James Bailey, hotel-keeper, and John Curry, liquor dealer, on a charge of breaking into the court house and stealing the boxes.

The evidence was not strong enough against Curry to warrant the prosecution in proceeding further against him, and at an early stage of the proceedings he was acquitted. But a strong case was made out against Bailey.

After the evidence had been heard the prisoner was asked if he had anything to say for himself, but declined either by himself or counsel to make any statement.

His Worship said he would have to commit him for trial at the first court of competent jurisdiction.

Bail was accepted the same as on Saturday, except that Thos. McLean took the place of James McLean.

The case came up before Chief Justice Cameron on Wednesday, and was traversed until next assizes. Owing to the seriousness of the charge, the Chief Justice raised the bail to \$2,000.—*Huron Signal*.

MIDDLESEX.—The West Middlesex Scott Act Committee met in Mount Brydges, on Wednesday afternoon last, Mr. D. L. Leitch, of Strathroy, President, in the chair. The organization of the different municipalities was carefully considered, and found to be in a very complete and satisfactory condition. Arrangements were made for a thorough system of public meetings to discuss the merits of the Act, as soon as the day of voting is fixed.

A Convention of Scott Act workers in the township of Carleton was held at the same time, when satisfactory reports were given, and the prospect of a good majority indicated. In the evening a public meeting was held to discuss the question on both sides. The speakers in favor of the Act were Rev. Messrs. W. M. Pomeroy, T. Macadam, and Mr. D. L. Leitch. In opposition there appeared Mr. Bousfield, of Glencoe. After Mr. Pomeroy had spoken in favor of the Act, Mr. Bousfield took the platform. He endeavored to show that prohibition does not prohibit; that it would lessen the revenue and injure business; that it increased drunkenness, crime and insanity.

The Rev. T. Macadam then replied. His points were well put and enthusiastically responded to by the audience.