

well as in almost every city and town I have visited on the different lines of railways, the Crooks' Act is flagrantly violated, and liquor is sold on Saturday night after seven. Dozens of our young and middle-aged men and even boys I have seen drinking over the bar, and on Sunday the same thing prevails, when the drinking is done in some upper room, where an elevator is used to send up the drinks, and the order is given through a tube. This course of conduct is doing a great deal to influence many of the best thinking men, though not abstainers, to give their support in favor of the Scott Act.

It is generally thought that a close vote will be polled on the Act in St. Thomas, over 500 more names than is required has been obtained, and the recent stealing of the ballot boxes in Huron and Dufferin has been the means of bringing out many upon the Scott Act side who have been remaining neutral on the question.

It is pretty unanimously agreed that the County of Elgin will poll a large majority vote for the Act.

Kent is equally certain of carrying the Act, but it is feared that the delay will prevent its coming into operation by the 1st of May, 1885.

In the adjoining county of Essex the petitions are being numerous signed, and in conversation with leading temperance men and others it is pretty generally conceded that the Act will be carried in the three counties by splendid majorities.

**YORK.**—The petitions in this county are nearly completed. Meetings are being held and the campaign pushed vigorously forward. The Scott Act prospects are getting brighter, and York will soon be another county on the majority roll.

A rousing Scott Act meeting was held in the Orange Hall, Woodbridge, on Wednesday evening, lately, under the auspices of Woodbridge Lodge 333, I.O.G.T. Bro. G. J. Fanner, C.D., occupied the chair. On the platform were the Revs. C. H. Shortt, N. G. Rutledge, W. H. Way, I. J. Hindley, Barrie, and the officers of the Lodge. Miss Lizzie Kieffer presided at the organ.

The chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting, after which the Rev. N. G. Rutledge opened the proceedings with prayer. The Juvenile Temple accompanied by the large audience then sang a hymn. The Rev. Chas. H. Shortt was the first to speak. He related his experience of the evils of intemperance in foreign lands. The necessity for banishing alcohol from the land, and by numerous laughable anecdotes continued to keep the audience in the best of humor.

The Rev. N. G. Rutledge followed showing the necessity for the adoption of the Scott Act, urging the electors as did Nelson at Trafalgar with the words, "Canada expects that every man will do his duty," concluding with an earnest appeal for suffering humanity.

The Rev. W. H. Way in his usual happy style pointed out the evils of intemperance, the necessity for immediate action, and hoped the day was not far distant when every rum hole in the land should be swept out of existence.

The speaker of the evening, Rev. I. J. Hindley, of Barrie, Simcoe county, was introduced amidst much applause. This gentleman took an active part in the contest in Simcoe county. He commenced by giving a synopsis of the Scott Act, and then dealt with all the principal objections, compensation, effect on business etc. He challenged any person to name a law on the Statute Book either Dominion, Provincial or Municipal, or in the Bible itself, that was not openly violated every day, claiming that the Scott Act would be as well enforced as any other law. Interspersing the various questions with numerous humorous anecdotes, he contrived to rivet the attention of the large audience for nearly two hours. Concluding with an earnest exhortation to the electors to use their utmost endeavors to bring the Act to a successful issue in York county.

Notice was given by the chairman that the success which had attended the first open meeting of Woodbridge Temple had resolved them on continuing them monthly. It was then moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Rev. gentlemen for their valuable assistance. It was carried unanimously.

The meeting was then closed by the Rev. W. H. Way pronouncing the benediction.

The audience was at once the largest, most orderly and attentive that we have seen at any public meeting in Woodbridge for many years past, great enthusiasm prevailing throughout.

**HASTINGS.**—In response to a widely circulated call a large meeting of representatives from different parts of the county convened in the Presbyterian church, Madoc, on the Tuesday of last week. Mr. W. Mackintosh, P. S. I., was elected chairman, and Mr. E. D.

O'Flynn, secretary. Mr. O'Flynn stated the object of the meeting and gave a short account of the proceedings that led to its being called. Mr. F. S. Spence then explained the provisions of the Act, and outlined plans of organization and work. Short addresses were then delivered by gentlemen from different localities, giving statements of the condition of temperance sentiment in their respective neighborhoods. Moved by Rev. O. R. Lambly, seconded by Rev. D. Wishart, "That, in view of the widespread evils of intemperance, and the sound adaptability of the Scott Act for the suppression of the liquor traffic, which is the prolific cause of these evils, we hereby express our approval of the said Canada Temperance Act, and pledge ourselves to work for its adoption in the County of Hastings." CARRIED.

The Convention then adjourned to meet next day at Stirling.

In the evening a mass meeting was convened in the Presbyterian church. The chair was occupied by A. F. Wood, Esq., M. P. P., and a large number of prominent ministers and laymen were present. A telegram was read from the Rev. E. E. Sibbald, of Belleville, expressing regret at his unavoidable absence. Mr. Spence then delivered an able address. The audience was very enthusiastic and deeply in earnest.

Next day at Stirling a large convention assembled; the following report of which we condense from the *News-Argus*:—

The old C. M. church was well filled with a very intelligent and extensive representation from nearly all parts of the county. The following delegates were present:

Dr. Boulter, A. Glass, L. Meiklejohn, Rev. Mr. Gray and others, of Stirling; Rev. Messrs. Sibbald, Rice and Leach, and Mr. Johnson, of Belleville; J. W. Bradbeer and Wm. Stoddart, of Deseronto; Rev. Messrs. Stratton and Wishart, and Messrs. O'Flynn, Mackintosh and V. H. O'Flynn, of Madoc, J. C. Dufoc, of Plainfield; Rev. D. Williams, of Wollaston; S. P. Vantassel, Jas. Mullett, John Wood, Wm. McGowan, Geo. Harrison and John McTaggart of Huntingdon; John H. Preston, Stephen Chapsaddle, Rev. E. E. Howard, S. J. Clark, A. P. Reid, Rev. H. Williams, W. C. Wells, and Miss M. Pake and Miss B. Youker, of Thurlow. Rev. Messrs. J. A. McCamus and J. J. Rae, of West Huntingdon; R. L. Ockley, of Madoc township; J. S. Chard, Geo. Wilson, Sylvanus Hubble and others, of Rawdon; Rev. Messrs. W. H. Peake and H. McQuade, of Frankford; Rev. R. H. Leitch; Hiram Ashley and Jas. M. Simmons, of Foxboro'; W. H. Austin and Rev. C. Fish, of Trenton; John W. Turner, John Frederick, James R. Clark, J. A. Holgate and Rev. A. McClatchie, of Sidney; Richard Tweedie and A. Mitts, of Ivanhoe.

Dr. Boulter was appointed chairman and secretary.

Wm. Stoddart, of Deseronto, moved the following resolution, seconded by Rev. W. J. Young:

"That we, delegates from different sections of the County of Hastings, in convention assembled, regard the present a favorable time for inaugurating a Scott Act campaign, having in view the early submission of the Canada Temperance Act to the electors of the county, believing, as we do, that the adoption of the Act would prove of incalculable advantage, and be conducive to the best interests of all classes of our people."

After a thorough discussion the resolution was put, and carried by a standing vote.

Conveners were then appointed to organize branch associations in the different municipalities.

The following permanent officers were then appointed:

A. F. Wood, M. P. P., Madoc, president; Rev. F. B. Stratton, Madoc, secretary; E. D. O'Flynn, treasurer.

The meeting then separated, to gather again in the evening in the new church, which was well filled, and the following business was transacted:

Dr. Coleman, living in Sidney, was appointed vice-president of the county association.

W. H. Austin, Trenton; S. T. Wilmot, Sidney; W. H. Hudson, M. P. P., Roslin; J. R. Tait, L'Amable; Hon. Billa Flint, Senator Belleville, and one or two others were appointed an executive committee, with the chairman of all local committees, when elected, and the county officers.

Addresses were then delivered by Rev. A. Wilson, Marmora; E. D. O'Flynn, Madoc; and Rev. J. J. Rice, Belleville.

A collection of \$5.50 was then taken up, for the benefit of the local fund.

Rev. Mr. Stratton gave some explanations in regard to the scope and power of the Scott Act, and closed the meeting with the benediction.