

D. D. Watson, of Seaforth, as president; Florace Foster, Clinton, secretary, and J. C. Stevenson, treasurer.

An immense meeting was held in the evening addressed by Mr. Smith and others. Thirty-nine ministers of different denominations were on the platform, and others in the audience. The greatest enthusiasm was excited, and all appeared confident that the act would be carried by a large majority.

PERTH.—The campaign has opened in this county with encouraging prospects. An enthusiastic meeting was held in Stratford last week. Stirring addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Richardson and Wright, and Messrs. Turnbull and Wilson. The petitions are in the hands of the canvassers and work is being rapidly pushed forward.

YORK.—A convention was held at Aurora yesterday, of which we hope soon to give a fuller report. The various municipalities are being organized. A *Globe* despatch gives a report of a meeting last Thursday afternoon in the Town Hall, Vaughan township. The meeting was called by circular, and a number of farmers and others from different parts of the township were present, including Henry Dickout and J. P. Rupert, Maple; A. P. Conger, Patterson; E. Elder, Klineberg;—Musselman, Thornhill; H. Brown, Edgley;—McKinnon, and others. Mr. Wm. Burgess, of Toronto, attended as representing the Dominion Alliance. The chair was occupied by Mr. Rupert. Mr. Burgess gave a sketch of the work of submitting the Act, contesting the weak provisions of the Dunkin Act with the more potent powers of the Scott Act. Some discussion arose as to the desirability of introducing the Act, Mr. McKinnon contending with the Dunkin Act had been a failure and a great cost to the people. The general opinion expressed, however, was strongly in favor of submitting the Act, a resolution to that effect being carried without a single dissenting voice. The meeting then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for organization. Mr. Henry Dickout was elected president, and Henry Brown secretary of the township committee. Seven other persons were appointed to take charge of the seven following sub-divisions respectively, and the meeting adjourned to wait the final action of the Central Committee, to be held in Aurora on Wednesday next, before proceeding to action.

BRANTFORD.—The Ontario Baptist Union met in this city last week. A memorial was read from the W. C. T. U., asking for the assistance and prayers of the Church in support of the Temperance movement. The following resolutions were adopted: Whereas the use of intoxicating liquors is one of the greatest existing evils attended by the worst of consequences to society, the church, and State, and a blot on the civilization of the 19th century; and whereas the Government have placed on the statute books of our country a local option prohibitory law known as the Canada Temperance Act which, if adopted and enforced, is calculated to mitigate this evil, therefore: Resolved, that we organize with pleasure and satisfaction the temperance agitation now in progress throughout the Provinces for the suppression and destruction of the liquor traffic, and we hereby express our sympathy with, and our willingness to support any honorable movement which has for its object the total prohibition both of the making and selling intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Whereas the evils of intemperance are to a great extent brought on through ignorance of the effects of alcohol upon the human system, which can only be removed by a general diversion of intelligence upon the subject; therefore, be it resolved that we are in favor of such legislation as will provide the necessary facilities for imparting such instruction in our public schools.

RUSSELL AND PRESCOTT.—A meeting was held last week at Vankloek Hill, to discuss the question of submitting the Act immediately. It was decided to go on at once. An organization was formed for this purpose. Albert Hagan, Esq., M. P. P., was appointed president of the newly formed association.

ESSEX.—A despatch from Windsor states that a meeting of the Essex County Lodges of the I. O. G. T., held at Gesto, was well attended, over 400 representatives from subordinate lodges being present. The reports read are said to have been very encouraging regarding the arrangements being made for submitting the Scott Act.

BRANT COUNTY.—The Scott Act workers throughout the county are pushing matters with great vigor. A large and enthusiastic convention of those interested in the work in the township of Burford took place on Monday at the Methodist Church, Harley, and at which every polling sub-division save one was represented. The township was thoroughly organized, a chairman and secretary being appointed in each sub-division, while arrangements were thoroughly completed for an immediate canvass for signatures to the petition to the Government. The Rev. T. H. Orme, President, occupied the chair. At the close those present pledged the township to raise \$400 for the prosecution of the campaign. In the evening a mass meeting was held in the Church. The edifice was filled to overflowing. The chairman in his address claimed that the oft-repeated assertion that the Dunkin Act was a failure was totally untrue. He compared the Scott Act with the Dunkin Act, claiming the former in many respects to be the best, and closed by meeting several of the objections raised to the Act by its opponents. The Rev. T. L. Wilkinson, in a clear, logical address, showed that the contest on behalf of temperance was not with men, but with the liquor traffic. He claimed that drink was the great barrier in the way of religious reform, advancing the opinion that it was the duty of every man who loved the soul of his fellow to lend his aid in removing legal protection from the traffic. At the close the following resolution was unanimously carried:—

"That in the opinion of this meeting the time has come for the submission of the Scott Act in the county, and we hereby pledge ourselves to use all legitimate means in our power to secure its adoption."

Next day a meeting of those interested in the work in the township of Brantford was held in Wycliffe Hall, Rev. Mr. Hobbs, President, in the chair. The chairman delivered an address with regard to the best plans advisable to be followed in connection with the holding of meetings. Rev. Mr. Orme reported the encouraging nature of the meeting at Harley. The appointment of Committee officers in the various polling sub-divisions was then proceeded with. It was decided to confine the work of canvassing for signatures for petitions to the several chairman and secretaries. The question of finances was earnestly brought forward, it being finally moved by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Lee, and carried, "That as a township we pledge ourselves to raise \$400 on behalf of the Scott Act cause, the said sum to be secured by subscription, and each sub-division to be responsible for \$50." On motion Rev. Mr. Hobbs was continued as chairman for the township, and Mr. S. Chatterson as secretary. The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, Norfolk, gave a synopsis of the work in that county, stating that the prospects for the adoption of the Act there was exceedingly good, and he saw no reason why the measure should not be carried there by a majority of 1,500 votes.—*Globe*.

MIDDLESEX.—The Scott Act Committee of the county of Middlesex met recently and received reports as to the names signed on petitions for the submission of the Act. The number required is 4,300, and it is said over 5,000 signatures have been got. It is expected that by the close of the month the committee will hand the petition to the sheriff, and demand a poll for the submission of the Scott Act in Middlesex.—*Mail*.

SIMCOE.—This county is thoroughly aroused, organization is being completed. On Tuesday of last week a meeting was held at Coldwater. The attendance was remarkably large and overwhelmingly in favor of the Act. The principal speaker was Mr. W. Burgess, of Toronto, who delivered a stirring address. Speeches were also made by Rev. Mr. Harris, Rev. Mr. Arkells, Mr. Miller, Q.C., and Messrs. Sovering and Gray. A strongly worded resolution was carried. The following evening Mr. Burgess addressed a meeting at Price's Corners and answered many enquiries that were made as to the working of the Act. The Anti-Scott party held a meeting at Beeton on Tuesday, addressed by Mr. James Fahey. He was ably replied to by Rev. Mr. Annis who carried the large audience almost entirely with him.

W. C. T. U.

The President of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union gives the following encouraging information in a recent letter to the press:

The work of the Ontario W. C. T. U., is still making progress, seven unions having been added to the list during the last few weeks.