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Campaign Tidings.

YESTERDAY'S VOTING.

THE ANTIS CARRY EVERY COUNTY.

Just before going to press we have received returns from all Scott Act counties which voted yesterday. As we feared the combination of untoward circumstances arrayed against us proved too strong, and the Scott Act has been defeated by the majorities given approximately below.

The antiquated voters' lists, the refusal of the Dominion Government to amend the law, the laxity in its enforcement by Provincial officers, the unscrupulous bribery and disreputable trickery of the Antis, who in some places had the control of the polling machinery placed in their hands, and even more than all these the fixing of the election at a time when country roads are blocked, and our rural vote could not be polled—all these things contributed to a defeat so overwhelming, that it will probably be difficult to rally our forces again for any temporary or tentative legislation. The moral reformers of Canada will do, as they should have done long ago—drop all half-way measures, and unitedly, imperatively demand

TOTAL PROHIBITION NOW!

MAJORITIES RECORDED YESTERDAY IN FAVOR OF REPRAL.

Huron 1,250	Bruce 1,400	Dufferin 150
Simco 2,000	Norfolk 700	Renfrew 850
Dundas, etc., 2,000.		

Just Like the Antis.

A dirty little trick was perpetrated last week at Paris on Police Magistrate Grace who acts for the County of Brant. He was charged before a couple of magistrates with fraudulently destroying papers relating to a Scott Act conviction. The case fell through, however, and the magistrates promptly dismissed him. In the meantime some scalliwags had cut up Mr. Grace's harness so that when he started to drive home it gave away. A serious accident might have been the result.

A Capital Record.

The Strathroy Dispatch condenses the work of the last twelve months of Scott Act enforcement in Middlesex County, from returns of the clerk of the peace, as follows:—

The number of convictions in West Middlesex during the year ending March 13, 1888, were 90; in the East Riding, 108; in the North Riding, 77. Amount of fines imposed in the West Riding, \$8,100; in the East, \$0,050; in the North, \$4,150. Amount of fines paid in West Middlesex, \$4,050; in East Middlesex, \$4,150; in North Middlesex, \$2,650. The inspectors for the three ridings are, Messrs W. C. Robertson for the West, D. H. Williams for the East, and Daniel Schoel for the North.

A Talented Lady.

Miss Skinner, of Toronto, has been assisting the W. C. T. U. of Ontario County. She recently delivered a lecture in the Ontario Hall at Exbridge, under the W. C. T. U. auspices. A programme of short addresses occupied part of the evening, and the rest was taken up by Miss Skinner who discussed W. C. T. U. work in a practical and eloquent manner that was highly appreciated by her very large audience.

W. C. T. U. in the North Country.

Parry Sound has a flourishing branch of the W.C.T.U. in operation. The annual meeting was held a few days ago and the following officers were elected: Mrs. G. Brown, President; Mrs. T. George, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. G. Grant, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. T. MacKay, Secretary; Mrs. J. Galne, Treasurer; Mrs. R. H. Hudson, Auditor; Miss Grant, Superintendent Band of Hope; Mrs. W. Beatty, Temperance Literature; Mrs. G. Brown, Gospel Temperance Meetings; Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. MacKay, Press Committee.

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In view of the present position of the Prohibition Movement, it has been thought desirable by very many earnest workers that there should be held at an early date a

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

of persons who would be thoroughly representative of the advanced temperance sentiment of every part of the Dominion, to discuss the situation, and plan for further action towards the attainment of the great object of the Total Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic.

The Dominion Alliance has been asked to call this Convention, and make the arrangements necessary to secure its having the character desired. After much careful consideration this responsibility has been accepted, and the following plan has been agreed upon.

THE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF MONTREAL

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

A Local Committee of Management will make complete arrangements for place of meeting, reception of delegates, etc., and full particulars will be announced later on.

To this Conference all Societies and Organizations for the promotion of Temperance or Prohibition are earnestly and respectfully invited to send representatives, the basis of representation to be as follows

THE CONVENTION TO BE COMPOSED OF

1. The Executive Committee of every PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION OF TEMPERANCE WORKERS or an equal number of representatives selected by such Executive Committee.
2. Representatives from Local Organizations of Temperance Workers (Unions, Church Temperance Societies, Lodges, Divisions, Councils, ect., etc.) on the basis of one representative for every fifty members, any membership less than fifty or in excess of even fifties to have also one representative.
3. Ten representatives for every county or city Alliance or Scott Act Association.
4. Twelve representatives chosen by the Executive Committee of the Branch of the Dominion Alliance of each Province.
5. The Officers of the Dominion Council of the Alliance.

It is confidently anticipated that this meeting will surpass in magnitude and interest any ever before held in the Dominion of Canada. A special request is made for the co-operation towards this result of all temperance societies and all friends of Moral Reform.

REDUCED FARES.

Full particulars will be given later on of rates of railway fares to this Convention. They will be unusually low, and arrangements will be made that will reduce to very little the local expenses of Delegates who have to travel long distances to be present, so that the total expense of attendance at the convention will be very small.

Friends are earnestly requested to give this announcement as wide a circulation as possible. Ministers will oblige by calling the attention of their congregations to it, and officers of Temperance Societies by laying it before their respective organizations.

All editors are respectfully solicited to kindly call attention to it in the columns of their journals. Organizations entitled to representation at this meeting according to plan above stated, are cordially invited to appoint and send delegates, without waiting for any further notice.

REMEMBER, MONTREAL JULY 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH, 1888!

They Wriggle, but in Vain!

Geo. Carter and Samuel Carrick, of Chatham, were each in the Police Court last week charged with Scott Act violation, and being found guilty, had to pay fines, jointly, amounting to \$110.45.

In Carter's case there was some difficulty in securing a conviction; the offender had skipped out, but was arrested some distance off, and brought in by the constable. He refused to give evidence, but under a threat of commitment to jail for contempt of court, he owned up to having sold strong drink.

Carrick was a bar keeper in Pierce's Hotel, and his evidence was so contradictory that the magistrate threatened him with indictment for perjury. The bar keeper who employed him paid his fine. Edward Arnold was also charged with Scott Act violation. He did not appear in court, but a fine was imposed upon him notwithstanding.

The Right Kind of Magistrate

Mr. Lyon, of Barrie, new police magistrate of Simcoe county, is getting in his work. He held court on the 13th and 14th inst. James Haw, proprietor of the Orillia House, pleaded guilty to first offence and paid the fine of \$100 and costs. M. J. Herbert, brewer, had imposed upon him a similar penalty. Patrick Heenan was fined \$70 and costs; some cases were dismissed, and several were adjourned until to-day. Mr. Angus McKay was the prosecutor, and Mr. McCosh acted on behalf of the law-breakers.

The Fight in New Brunswick.

They are having a fight over the license law in New Brunswick. An amendment bill is before the Local Legislature, and some of the propositions are evidently in the interests of the liquor party.

As the law now stands the petition for a license must be signed every year by a certain number of rate payers. It is proposed to abolish the requiring this to be done every year, and demanding it only in case of license asked for, to take effect on premises not before under license. This clause refers particularly to the city of St. John.

It is also proposed that St. John liquor sellers may get their petition signed in any part of the city no matter whether they open the saloon petitioned for in that part of the city or some other. The best men in the Local Legislature are opposed to the measure and it is not likely to go through.

Co. of Kent Temperance Association.

From a western exchange we learn that the regular quarterly meeting of the above association was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, on Thursday, 29th ult.

There was a large attendance from the town of Chatham, and a good representation from Blenheim, Dresden, Wallaceburg, and the Townships of Chatham, Harwich and Orford. Letters of sympathy in the movement were read from the Rev. Wm. Kim, and other veterans of the cause, who regretted their absence, and pledged their continued support.

It was determined to establish branches of the W.C.T.U. wherever practicable through the county, and to hold temperance meetings on Sunday at ten o'clock, or whenever most convenient the various localities.

Members of the association expressed unbounded confidence in the principle of legal prohibition of the liquor traffic, and a determination that there shall be no retreat from the ground already obtained in the Scott Act until supplemented by a prohibition law for the entire Dominion.

The new articles forming the platform of the new party that lately met in Toronto, were read and generally approved.

A Warning to Scott Act Violators.

Three liquor sellers of Centreville—Mr. Tallon, Mrs. Tallon, and Mrs. Laveck—have all been placed under arrest for failing to pay fines for Scott Act violation. Unless the money is forthcoming the defaulters will have to spend two months each in jail.