

fect virtue, morality, lives and property. It suppresses vice, poverty, misery and crime. The license system sells indulgences for money and gives the protection of the state to a class of men who sell all manner of evil. It is time this national curse was crushed out. The lecture was applauded, and appreciated. It was worth attending to hear. The notice was short, but had a good turn out. Should Mr. Flynn ever come to New Boyne he will have an overflowing house. At the close he explained the provisions and working of the Scott Act. I have no anxiety about the success of the Scott Act in this locality.—JOHN CHICK, Chairman.

PRINCE EDWARD, ONT.—A county convention to finally decide in reference to submission of the Scott Act in Prince Edward nearly filled the Town Hall, at Belleville, on the 7th inst. Thirty delegates reported from the various municipalities, after which it was decided to go on with preparations for the vote. The county is being thoroughly organized, branches of the County Alliance and W. C. T. Union have been formed in nearly every municipality. The County Executive met last night and arranged the details of the canvass. The distribution of campaign literature has already commenced, and everything betokens a vigorous campaign.

SIMCOE, ONT.—The following circular has been issued :
To the Friends of Prohibition.

At the meeting of the Dominion Alliance in Toronto, on the 25th March, twenty-eight counties were grouped together to submit the Scott Act on the same day, commencing with Peel, Simcoe, York, Ontario, &c. Some of the counties have already held their convention and appointed their committees.

A Convention for Simcoe will be held in the Y. M. C. A. hall, Dunlop Street, Barrie, on Tuesday the 15th of April, commencing at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., for the purpose of organizing committees in every part of each Township and other necessary and important business in connection with the campaign. As the Petition requires to be in by the 1st of July there is no time to lose; and as this presents an opportunity to prove to the Government our sincere desire to remove from our land the burden of a Licensed Liquor Traffic, it is expected that every church and temperance organization will be represented at the Convention, and that you will do all you can to secure success. A number of prominent gentlemen have already promised to be present at the Convention.

All along the line there is the sound of coming victory, let us be united and success is sure.

Yours Sincerely,

REV. W. L. SCOTT, Stroud.
A. B. SPENCER, Collingwood,
Representatives to Alliance.

COLLINGWOOD, March 31st, 1884.

OXFORD.—The Oxford Temperance Association met in convention at Ingersoll on the 3rd inst., Rev. W. A. McKay, President, in the chair. After devotional exercises, and the minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed, the President read the following telegram, which he received from Chatham on voting day:—"Kent Temperance Association in session sends greetings to Oxford Association. See Jeremiah I, 22, and I. Cor. xvi., 13." Rev. R. C. Morrow read a number of letters from various counties, congratulating Oxford on their grand victory. On motion the following resolution was carried:—"That this convention desires to recognize the value of the press of the county in assisting us in the late Scott Act contest, and especially to thank these papers that have helped us editorially."

The Association resumed work at 2 p.m. The minutes of the previous session were confirmed, after which the President gave an excellent address, which he was requested to publish. A letter was read from Dereham Centre Association suggesting that each municipality be requested to hold a temperance pic-nic on or about July 1. On motion it was resolved "That we hold a grand temperance pic-nic in Woodstock on July 1, 1884."

The Secretary read letters from several parties showing that during the campaign there were several cases of violation of the election laws. On motion the matter was left in the hands of the solicitor, to take such action as he deems best. The President referred to the excellent service rendered by brethren from Halton and other places, and on motion a standing vote of thanks was tendered them, which was replied to by Rev. D. L. Brethour. The Rev. R. C. Morrow spoke of the perfection of our organization. As an instance he said he had been promised 4,075 votes for the Act, and

the actual vote was 4,073. A vote of thanks were given to the W. C. T. U., which was ably replied to by Mrs. J. C. Yale. Other matters relating to the duties of the Association were taken up and action taken thereon, after which the Association adjourned, to meet in Woodstock July 1.

OTTAWA.—In the Dominion Senate on Friday last the afternoon and evening were spent in discussing a bill to amend the Canada Temperance Act by providing machinery for putting it in force in counties where no license are granted. The bill was introduced as a Government measure. Hon. R. W. Scott and Hon. A. Vidal as well as others warmly opposed several amendments to the bill that were offered with a view of destroying the efficiency of the whole Act. When the third reading of the bill was moved Mr. Dickey proposed an amendment providing that a three-fifths majority in favour of the Act should be necessary in any election under the Scott Act before the measure could be put in force. In support of his amendment he quoted utterances of Sir Leonard Tilley. Mr. Vidal stated that Sir John Macdonald had promised that this bill should be carried through as a Government measure, and that the effect of the amendment if adopted would be to destroy the Canada Temperance Act altogether. The debate was kept up till after ten o'clock when a division was taken on Mr. Dickey's amendment, which was lost by 27 to 25. The following is the division list:—YEAS.—Almon, Archibald, Botsford, Sir A. Campbell, Carvell, DeBlois, Dever, Dickey, Ferguson, Glazier, Howlan, McKay, McKindsay, McMillan, Macfarlane, Nelson, Northwood, O'Donohoe, O'Dell, Plumb, Robitaille, Smith, Turner—25.—NAYS.—Allan, Armand, Belleroose, Baillargoon, Chaffers, Chapais, Flint, Girard, Grant, Haythorne, Leonard, McClelan, McInnes (B.C.), Miller, Macpherson, Pelletier, Power, Pozer, Reesor, Scott, Skead, Stevens, Sutherland, Trudel, Vidal, Wark—27. Mr. Almon then proposed another amendment, that dealers in all porter, lager beer, cider, and light wine, containing not over twelve per cent. of alcohol, be exempt from the operation of the Canada Temperance Act of 1878 in all places in which the said Act shall come into operation after May 31, 1884. This amendment was lost by 28 to 23. The division was the same, except that Mr. Plumb voted with the majority, and Mr. Turner was absent. Mr. McMillan then offered an amendment to the effect that the maximum quantity of spirits to be obtained upon certificate of a doctor should be one pint. This amendment was lost by 21 to 24, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

GENERAL.

TORONTO.—The following circular has been issued by Mr. Jas. Thomson, Secretary of the Toronto Alliance:

GENTLEMEN,—I am instructed by the TORONTO AUXILIARY OF THE DOMINION PROHIBITORY ALLIANCE to call your attention to a matter of very great importance, which requires immediate attention if we would take advantage of the very great power which the law has now placed within our reach.

Sub-section 16 of section 4, Amended Crooks Act, provides that "No license shall be granted to any applicant for premises not then under license, or shall be transferred to such premises, if a majority of the persons duly qualified to vote as electors in the sub-division at an election for a member of the Legislative Assembly petition against it, on the grounds hereinbefore set forth, or any of such grounds."

We have thus—for the first time in the life of our Province, by petition signed by a majority of the duly qualified electors in the polling sub-division where a new license or transfer of a license is applied for—the power to ABSOLUTELY PREVENT the granting of any such new license or transfer of license.

In the *Daily Globe* of April 7th appeared a list of OVER FORTY (40) applications for new tavern licenses as well as for a number of new shop licenses, giving the names of the applicants and the premises applied for. The present number of tavern licenses in Toronto is 198; the number applied for is 242. Is there sufficient temperance energy in Toronto availing itself of the power which the law now gives us to fulfil these conditions, and thus prevent the further growth of the liquor traffic in this city?

The time for action is short. Within ten days from the advertised meeting of the Commissioners to consider the applications for licenses these petitions must be completed and sent to the License Inspector, Mr. Thomas Dexter. We urge immediate action on the part of all Temperance organizations or individuals receiving this circular, to attend to the applications for new licenses in their own immediate neighborhood. I will be glad to hear of any such action