

whom every temperance worker in Toronto loves and reveres. In his consistent and blameless character, and his noble life work, may be read and seen his true personality, as it could never be presented with pencil or pen. Fervently and cordially we wish him "Many happy returns of the day."

The Grand Lodge of the I.O.G.T., for Ontario, meets in Hamilton, commencing on Tuesday of next week. The Order has had a very successful year, having received a special impetus from the recent meeting in Toronto of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge. The coming session is expected to be very large and interesting.

The various church bodies that are meeting in annual session in different parts of the Dominion, are speaking out in very emphatic terms against the Senate's mutilation of the Scott Act. Probably never before in the history of our country was there so general a condemnation of proposed legislation, by the religious and moral leaders of the community. It can hardly be possible that the House of Commons will refuse to listen to these unhesitating and unmistakable pronouncements.

We go to press too early to give reports of the voting in Perth, Middlesex and Lincoln, but the prospects, at the present writing, are for victory in all three counties, with almost certainty of success for Lincoln and Middlesex. Perth will take harder work, but our friends there are in earnest, are doing their duty manfully and well, and will, we trust, also come out on the winning side.

At our present rate of progress but a very short time will elapse before the whole Province of Ontario will be under prohibition.

We have extended till June 30th, the time for receiving subscriptions and renewals on liberal terms offered in the May supplement of THE CANADA CITIZEN. Subscribers and others, desiring to avail themselves of that remarkable offer, will please remit without further delay.

POLLINGS FIXED.

REMEMBER THE WORKERS IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Guysboro', N.S.	July 2.	Ontario,	July 16.
Hastings, Ont.	" 2.	Halimand, Ont.	" 16,



WHAT IS THE REASON?

The Scott Act mutilation measure has not yet come before the House of Commons, and a large section of the public is getting suspicious of the delay. It is no secret that agents of the liquor party have been for a long time actively at work among the members endeavoring to influence them in favor of the proposed outrage, and delay is of course favorable to the whiskey interest, giving more time for lobbying, which is what the liquor men want, and lessening the opportunities for fair and full discussion in the House, which of course they desire to lessen.

Besides this, as the session grows late, many members are compelled to go home to look after their long-neglected business, the House is already getting thin, and consequently any solid party, determined to push a measure through, and staying at Ottawa for that purpose, will be left proportionately stronger, as other members drop off, and a measure may be forced through at the close of the session by a number of persistent men who are really a minority of the whole House.

From the emphatic protests that are being made all over the land, it is evident that the people are decidedly opposed to the mutilation proposed, and there should be no delay, either intentional or otherwise, that is likely to interfere with a full discussion by the people's representatives of the whole question, or that will give the whiskey men an unfair advantage if the measure comes to a vote.

CARRYING OUT THEIR THREATS.

The liquor power, in its reckless and suicidal insanity, is actually going on to carry out the lawless threats made some time ago. Already, in several parts of the Province, the men who are working for the enforcement of the law are being made the objects of most malicious outrage.

We were warned to "look out for the axe and the torch of the avenger," if we persisted in pushing the prohibition movement. Very few people believed that the threatened atrocities would actually be perpetrated, but the record of the past few weeks has opened the eyes of many to the real character of the foe with whom we have to cope, and has shown that the liquor power will stop at nothing in its vindictive attempt to wrong the men who are working for its extermination.

Halton was the first scene of this outrage; but the arrest and punishment of the fire-bug Sidey, who has been committed to the penitentiary, put a stop to incendiarism there. It is much to be regretted that while the tool of the greater criminals met merited punishment, the instigators of his crime escaped justice by flight. In another column Rev. Mr. Mordy gives some account of the late outbreak of malicious violence in the town of Kincardine. Mr. Joseph Barker, a fearless magistrate, determined to do his duty, unawed by rowdy threats, imposed the penalties provided by the Scott Act upon parties who had undertaken to defy its prohibitions. The menaced destruction of his property followed in due time, and so far the incendiaries have escaped detection. Mr. Barker will have the sympathy of all honest and well-disposed citizens. We have no fear of his being driven from the path of duty by anything that the whiskey power can do. He is a gentleman of sterling principle, widely known, and as widely respected; a brother of T. H. Barker, the esteemed and efficient Secretary of the United Kingdom Alliance. But sympathy and respect will not repay the financial loss he has sustained.

It is well that this matter should be understood clearly and fully and at once. If the liquor men think they can coerce or terrorize Scott Act workers into abandoning the war against their villainous traffic, they are making a great mistake. The fight will go on till the power of our lawless enemy is completely crushed.