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## The Scott Act in Muskoka.

Editor Canada Ostiten:

Six .- In your issue of March 9th there appears an article on "Simcoe," in which you make some reference to the Mustoka District. You state that during the three months ending Janusimply means, to take the most favor ablo view of it, inexcusable negligence on the part of the inspector" Will you allow one who is "conversant with the district under his inspection," to remind you of a few things you have evidently overlooked, and thus done an injustice to the impector, Mr. Stephen son. It is true that only five informations were made for the quarter ending the trouble to write to Mr. Stephenson should have done before attacking him in public print as you have, he would no doubt have given you one. During rage out of the treasury of the municithe period covered in that quarter, all the lake hotels were closed, and the terrible fire at Gravenhurst destroyed all the hotels of that place Any drink ing done in Gravenhurst was confined of a member who has backbone in him, to low places, frequented only by the worst elements of society, and consequently a class of men on whose evi-dence it has been found difficult to obtail convictions. Thus the inspector was almost confined to Bracebridge, where there are only three hotels, the other places where liquor was sold be ing similar to the Gravenhurst places already referred to. You make it ap pear, further, that Mr. Stophenson has a large territory under his charge, and returns were no better than for Muskoks, yet the returns for Muskoka should be much larger than Sincoe, of about 16 for each county. Muskoka as a commendable one returns for that quarter was 15. The population of these counties (Parry Bound, which like Muskoka is partly Inspector for Muskoka has laid 82 intions. Since the 31st of January of this year he has laid 15 informations and obtained 11 convictions. If now you will take into consideration the difference in population between the territory covered by Inspector Stepheninspectors, you will find that Stephenbut taking the quarter ending the 31st | business to all who get near it October as a sample, and taking the population as a basis of calculation, he has exceeded the average by about 90 per has exceeded the average by about 90 per cent. I have been a personal witness of weent. I have been a personal witness of the work of Inspector Stephenson, the leading companies asys. "That many Mr. Steele, Aut and am pleased to say that I do not fire losses are due to the use of intextents from the Royal believe there is an inspector who is do- is evident to all anderwriters." Another, Mrs. Fawcett epited Mrs. Jarman ing more faithful and conscientious "Many incendiary fires are doubtless followed with an address on the work in this province. Instead of caused by drunken strollers, and many "White Shie " Movement during being guilty as you say of "inexcusable more by thriftlessies engendered by the which she u ed upon parents the negligence," he is one of the best in spectors in the ovince, as the figures show. Believing you do not desire knowingly to do any one an injustice, will you please to insert this letter in your next issue of the CITIZEN, and withdraw your unfair remarks in reference to this case,

I am. Yours in Temperance work, W. G. Howson. Bracebridge, March 19th, 1888

# Compensation for Scott Act Outrages.

Mdstor Canada Crisen: ---

Siz.-If a man has a number of sheep in his field and some of them be destroy ed by a dog, (the owner of which cannot be-discovered) the municipality in which the occurrence took can be required to company takes the same prohibitory partly bear the loss caused by the said ground "We do not insure breweries dog. Such a municipal law is only just, the owner of the sheep paid his taxes, and it is only right that his property should be protected, or else paid for

How often do we read of taxpaying. lawabiding citizens, who have taken much interest in Scott Act matters, having their dwelling, barns, or other properties, dostroyed by dynamito, or fire, by villians, who are undiscovered, yet there is at present no law requiring municipalities to hear any of the loss caused by these dosperate fire fiends. I suppose the reason of there being no law to protect sufferers by dynamite, and tire, is that these terrible crimes are of comparatively recent date.

I have been much surprised that the my mind the terrible effects of the traffic tion at Richmond Hill in September

Government, Dominion or Provincial, on the individual himself is such that no that has jurisdiction in this matter, has material considerations should influence. not moved before this time; and I cannot any man in his attitude on this question; but think that the thing would have been but from what has appeared in those colattended to long ere now, had the dwell- umns from time to time, and from the ing of any one of them been blown up by above references to a material view of the dynamite, or his barns destroyed by fire. | question, it is seen that alike from a moral

God holys those who help themselves! Temperance men have been vainly look | the most substantial reasons for those who ing to, and waiting for governments to care for their property, as well as their ary 31st, only five informations were move; the fact is, governments calculate lives, to set their face against the traffic, laid and one conviction secured. You that temperance men will aubmit to be out of which comes no good, and which is then say that "this condition of affairs fooled with; and they do fool thom; and productive only of evil, and they conwill continue to do so, as long as they tinually. tamely submit. Let all this be ended. Let the Executive of the Dominion, or of the Provincial Alliance, as the case may be, frame a measure to require municipalities where dynamite or other Scott Act outrages are perpetrated, to have the econe and circumstances of the outrage in vestigated by a jury composed of the coun-31st of January; but had you taken cillors of the municipality assisted by the assessor of the municipality, and make it for an explanation, which I think you part of the duty of such jury to determine how much damage has been done and to make payable to the victim of the out pality a authorent amount to cover the loss austained by him. If a wisely framed measure of this kind be placed in charge The Semi-Annual Convention of the York we shall soon find how the Government and the rank and file of Parliament feel

> I am, sir, yours truly, Guelph, Feb. 1888. JUSTICE,

# THOUGHTS BY THE WAY.

Ir is a pretty well established fact that when a man drinks to excess, not alone does he do injury to himself, but makes that though in two of the Simcoes the himself so dangerous a person that the law has to step in and place him in durance owing to the larger territory But here you make a serious mistake Only two-thirds of Muskoka, with a popular come so far under the control of the liquids Toronto No. 2 - Mrs. Draper, Mrs. tion of about 8,000, are under the that they sell that he himself gots into Norris, Mrs. Galley, Mrs. Jacob Canada Temperance Act, the remainder this uncontrollable state, then the police Spence. Toronto No 1-Mrs. Lobb. Canada Temperance Act, the remainder this uncontrollable state, then the police of the District Leing under the Crooks cell is the best place for him. It is credit Richmond Hill -Miss Wylie, Mrs. Act. I have before me a return of the table to our common humanity that, out. | Tindall. Nowmarket-Mrs. Pearson, convictions for the previous quarter side of the man perhaps who has "put the ending October 31st. The total for the bottle to his neighbor and made him 58 districts is 239, making an average drunken," this statement is not recognized

And what of the liquor seller himself? under Crooks Act, excepted), is about His victim has been rendered unsafe to 20,000 each. Since May, 1886, the the community, but through the act of the liquor soller. Thus, at least, is the view formations, and obtained 38 convict that hard-headed maurance men take of rapid growth of the order and to the this question. A contemporary has re- stability of the work being carried on, cently published a bost of interviews with the formal business of the convention leading insurance men of the country, obtaming their opinion of the effects of the saloon business on surrounding risks. I son and the counties covored by other find that these are most damaging to every man engaged in the liquor business. They son's work will not only be up to the with one accord unito in the sentiment ed at 5 o'clock to meet again at 7.30 average of the men in other places; that the saloen business is a dangerous Mr. Rankin, minister of Aurora Me

> of a large company uses the following vig orous sentence "There can be no question but dwager of tire is increased by intoxicate n " Another other goes further than this "We maure no distillence or insure saloons, beer gardens, or buildings adjacent to them " Further "Brewer tes and distilleries are extra hazardous." When insurance is effected a high price is meet with County and District Exthe vale. Says the head of a mercantile ecutive in Toronto next week in order tire insurance company "We require to consult together upon this subject. higher rates on buildings next door to Delegates were appointed to the saloons, beer gardens, etc." "Incendiariem is a crime, and nine-tenths of our crimes are due to intexication " Another and distillenes anywhere" And this fact, that the man who is unfortunate enough to have his property located next to a saloon, or rather, to have a saloon tions. Here is an addition to the one already quoted: "We have higher rates on property adjacent to saloons, beer gardens, etc." "Unless they have division fire ing them greatly. walls we require higher rates on buildings adjacent to salcons, beer gardens, etc." One company emphatically says. "We do

not maure breweries or bar-rooms."

or a purely business standpoint, there are

And what say our legislators when they frame laws permitting a traffic of this kind ! They are simply taking a step that jeopardizes the interests of every man outside of the traffic itself. Is the liquor business so important a factor in the community that a should receive preferences of this character that, when they appear in any other line of business, are at once set down as monopolies, combines, rings, etc., and vigorous steps taken by the legislators to uproof them?

#### W. C. T. U.

#### County Branch-Important Mootings in Aurora.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union held a Semi-Annual Convertion in Aurora on the 15th and 16th instants. The meetings were held in the Methodist Church.

At the opening session Mrs. Faw cett, the President of the York County Branch occupied the chair, and the session was opened by an hour spent in devotional exercises.

Among the delegates attending were —From Aurora — Mrs. Idle, Mrs. Woodrow, Mrs. Doan, Mrs. Kline. Toronto West. Mrs. Bulman, vile, until such time, at least, as he sobers Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. J. J. Grahain. Toronto North - Mrs. Fawcett, Miss Foster, Mrs Foster, Mrs. Adams. Mrs. Millard, Mrs. McCracken Toonto, Central -- Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. F. S. Spence. Toronto, Bathurt street -- Mrs. Garbutt. Parkdale-Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Coxhead. Parkdalo Y's-Miss Stephens, Miss Perry. Toronto X's -- Miss Tilley

After the President's address, which was of an encouraging character, and in which reference was made to the was proceeded with. The reports of local unions were called for, some of these were very encouraging. There, are sixteen unions in the county, two of these having been formed since the, last convention. The meeting adjourn thodist Church, occupied the chair After prayer and singing led by the I shall just summarize some of the opin- choir, Mrs. Johnson, of Aurora, read a, to which Miss Il respo ted d an address .ap.-rs to which more by thriftlessiess engendered by the which she u id upon parents the aler of habit." Again "Buildings ad necessity of more care respecting the jacent to saloons are more hazardous than | Mastimes and companionships of the ordinary dwelling risks." The president young, and dwelt especially on the recessity of allowing but one code of morals for both boys and girls.

On Friday morning the executive met, and at the same hour the delegates gathered for devotional excreises under the leadership of Mrs Draper, buildings connected with them, nor do we of Toronto Later on in the day the subject of headquarters lead to a prolonged discussion, the decision being to ask the Provincial Executive to Ontario and the Dominion Alliance meeting in Toronto March 20th and 21st, and the meeting adjourned at 12

During the next session Mrs Tully, of Toronto, presided and give a Bible reading on the subject of guidance. Miss Orford, Toronto, sang a solo, and Mrs. Berkinshaw, Toronto, addressed the convention upon Y W C T U work Miss Skunner, Toronto, also ad located next to his property, must pay the dressed the meeting upon different de-ciper, is borne out by numero a quota partments of YWCTU work. Mrs. Coxhead and Miss Terry, Parkdale, sang a duett. Miss Orford spoke at length to the Band of Hope, interest

The closing session was held on Friday, March 16, at half past seven, when Rev. Mr Amos, of the Presbyterian Church, presided The choir and the members of the Band of Hope introduced pleasing selections, and Mrs. This is entirely a material view of the Keefer delivered a telling address. It obnoxionaness of the saloon business. To was arranged to hold the next conven-

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Porth, Ont	3368	3836	!	108	**	18, 18,	**	
Middlesox, Ont	6745	2370	3375		"	13,	14	
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Haldunand, Ont	1785	2093		308	••	16,	**	
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Peterborough, Ont	1915	1507	411	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Sept.	24,	**	
Fredericton, N.B. (3) St. Catharines, Ont	298	285	13		Nov.	12,	• •	
Russell & Proscott, Ont.	478 i 1335 -	1065   3131	:	587   1796	**	19, 26.	••	
Argenteurl, Que	526	601	:	75	Dec	29,	**	
Pontiac, Que. St. John, N.B. (2)	633 1610	935 1687	••.		Jan.	28, 1	1886	
Portland, N.B.	667	520	147	77 ,	Apr.	19, 19,	••	
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once has the different votes indicated by the figures (1), (2), (3) after the name of place Figures printed in states are for first or second votes in places in which a later vote has been taken than that so printed. Names in heavy faced type are of cities, others of counties SUMMARY.

Nova Scotia has eighteen counties and one city, of which thirteen counties have adopted the Act. New Brunswick has fourteen counties and two cities, of which

ten counties and two cities have adopted the Act. Manitoba has five counties and one city, of which two counties have adopted the Act.

Prince Edward Island has three countries and one city, all of which have adopted the Act.

Ontario has thirty-eight counties and union of counties and eleven cities, of which twenty-five counties and two cities have adopted the Act ; one of these has repealed it.

Quebec has fifty-six counties and four cities, five counties of which have adopted the Act. British Columbia has five parliamentary constituencies, none of which have adopted the Act.

In all, up to the present time, 81 cities and counties have voted upon the Scott Act, and 63 have adopted it. Nine counties and cities voted twice and 5 three times, making an aggregate of 95 contests, out of which we have been victorious in 73.

The augregate votes cast in all the contests, except Halton (3), have been :-164792 114206

Not Scott Act majority ... If we cant all voting but the last, in those places which have voted 

44658 It is more than eight years aloos the Scott Act was first voted upon and adopted in different localities, and ONEY ONE COUNTY HAP THE REPEALED IT, although many votings have taken place on the ques

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