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This number is sent to many friends whose names are not yet on our subscription list. Will they kindly aid our enterprise by forwarding their dollars and addresses? It is desirable to subscribe early, as we propose making every number well worth preserving for future reference and use.

Business men will do wisely for themselves by using the advertising columns of THE CANADA CITIZEN. We issue ten thousand copies of this week's number.

Many friends being anxious to have copies of our song in celebration of Toronto's semi-centennial, we reprint it this week, that they may be able to retain it as a souvenir also of our great Industrial Exhibition.

We are pleased to learn that the Guarantee Fund of the Temperance and General Life Assurance Company is being taken up by our leading temperance and business men, who have confidence that the investment will be a good one. Friends of the cause should take an interest in this Company, as subscribers to the Guarantee Fund as well as Assurers in the Company, when it is organized.

The Canada Gazette of Saturday last announces the date for three more Scott Act contests. Simcoe, Ont., will vote on October 9th, and Stanstead, Que., on the same day. Simcoe is fresh for the fray. Grand work has already been done. We understand that the magnificent petition sent to Ottawa had one thousand names

above the required number, and we look for a similar record in the ballot. Stanstead voted before, and gave a majority of 181 against the Act, but her electors are anxious to-day to show the different result that they believe the present contest will yield, and with the grand example of Arthabaska before them, they are certain to succeed. The city of Charlottetown, P.E.I., votes on the 16th of October on the question of repeal. Five years ago this city gave for the Scott Act a majority of 574. The Anti-party have been working hard to carry repeals in this place and in Halton, in hope that they would thereby influence the elections in other places. Halton has already spoken, and Charlottetown will, we feel confident, speak in a similar strain. The Scott Act has never been repealed, and we trust that this will remain true for a long, long time.

HALTON HOLDS THE FORT.

MAJORITY 200.

It is with heartfelt gratitude and reverence that the people of Canada read the record of Halton's glorious victory. Not in the history of the Scott Act before had there been a contest round which centred so much interest. It was brought on by the liquor party, because they looked upon Halton as a weak point in the line of temperance fortifications: because they believed that a victory for whiskey there, where the Act had been tried, would dampen the ardor of our workers elsewhere: and because they believed that their disloyal and dishonorable efforts to defy and resist the law had weakened the appreciation of the Scott Act, that they knew had been strong in Halton. But they make a grand mistake. The plucky little county that had carried the Scott Act against tremendous odds and enforced it in face of tremendous difficulties, was not to be driven to abolish a good law simply because a few whiskey-sellers were determined to ignore or defy it. All that could be said against the working of the Scott Act in Halton was that these unpatriotic and selfish law-breakers had tried to evade it, and then demanded its repeal because they claimed to have succeeded. Even this claim was utterly out of harmony with the facts of the case. The Scott Act in Halton has been a grand success, and the men of that county have declared their abiding faith in it by increasing the majority in its favor to ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PER CENT.

It is true we held and we hold that the whole contest was an illegal affair, that even had the anti triumphed, the Scott Act would not have been lawfully repealed, and our courts would have declared the Scott Act still in force, but that question is not likely to be raised now. We have met our opponents on their own ground, at their own time, on their own challenge, with their own weapons, and they have been completely routed. We do not write exultantly, we write thankfully. We rejoice in our success, because it is another step in advance, and brings us one day nearer the fast approaching time when the deadly liquor traffic will be outlawed and banished from our land, and law will no more protect the fearful plague that now devastates our country and ruins our homes. The glad news from Halton will give new inspiration to our workers everywhere. Other contests are rapidly approaching, and Halton has given us a rallying note for the campaign. One point must not be overlooked: the Scott Act has never been re-