

to a fair debate. The N. L. T. U. nominally accepted the challenge, appointed speakers, and agreed to attend a joint committee to make arrangements for a debate. Only one N. L. T. U. member attended the joint meeting, and stated emphatically that their speakers would only debate with the actual signatories to the challenge, and would not allow temperance men to select or put forward any other speakers. He also suggested other absurd conditions, and generally acted so as to convey the impression that his friends are really afraid of public discussion, and anxious to avoid what they pretend to invite. We publish below, in full, the correspondence that passed, and an account of the whole proceedings as given by Mr. James Thomson, Secretary of the Electoral Union:—

"It may be remembered that a short time ago a challenge to publicly discuss the points of difference between the Prohibitionists and the "Union" was issued by representatives of the Prohibition party. To this a reply was published signed by two leading members of the "Union," defining their position and their readiness to discuss the points at issue. The following correspondence then took place:—

Toronto, May 5, 1885, 364 Yonge street.

DEAR SIR,—Not having the name or address of the Secretary of your society must be my excuse for troubling you personally. My attention has been called to the fact that in your reply to our challenge there is nothing to show that it bears any official authority, and may, therefore, be simply the expression of your individual opinions and readiness to discuss these matters with any of the signatories to our challenge. Our desire, which we supposed the challenge had indicated with sufficient clearness, is that the two opposing sides should be represented by men whom the societies interested might select as representing their diverse views. If this is what you mean, and the National Liberal Temperance Union will appoint a sub-committee authorized to arrange details with a like committee from our side, and notify me of such appointment, I will take immediate steps to have such a joint meeting called at such time and place as will, as far as possible, be suitable for both parties. Kindly give me names and address of your committee when appointed.

I remain your obedient servant, JAMES THOMSON,
Secretary, Toronto Temperance Electoral Union.

To Gordon Mowat, City.

To this the following reply was received:—

Toronto, May 11, 1885.

J. Thomson, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter was read before the Executive Committee of our society. The action of Messrs. Mowat and Richardson in accepting the challenge of your organization on behalf of our union was approved of. They are our authorized speakers. Messrs. J. Donohoe, C. G. Richardson, and J. G. Mowat were appointed to meet a like number from your society.

Yours, etc., W. J. LOUNEX,
Secretary, N. L. T. Union.

The joint meeting of committees was held at the office of THE CANADA CITIZEN, 8 King street east, this p.m., but had scarcely got to work when Mr. Richardson, representing the Union, announced that they would only meet in public discussion those who had personally signed the original challenge, and as this determination was directly contrary to the letter sent to their society, and on the acceptance of which, the meeting had been called, the proceedings were brought to an abrupt termination. Comment on the above seems to be altogether unnecessary. Further notice of the foolish, ignorant and idle vaporings of this miscalled union would but help to give them an importance foreign to their merits."

We are sorry that so much prominence has been given by temperance men to the existence and operations of a society which has hoisted the flag of temperance to cover advocacy of the liquor traffic, and which is trying to gull the public by a pretence that is both childish and dishonorable.

POLLINGS FIXED.

REMEMBER THE WORKERS IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Lincoln,	" June 18.	Middlesex, Ont.....	June 18
Perth,	" " 18.	Guysboro', N.S.....	" 25

Ring out the old, ring in the new
Ring out the false, ring in the true,
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife.
Ring in a truer, nobler life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

—Tennyson.

1885.
Lennox & Addington,
Brome, Lanark,
Guelph,
Kent, Carleton, Drummond,
Durham and Northumberland,
Lambton, Elgin, St. Thomas,
Missisquoi, Wellington, Chicoutimi.

FOR GOD AND HOME AND COUNTRY.
HURRAH!

We send this week to a great many of our subscribers extra parcels of specimen copies of *The Canada Citizen*. Our friends will very much oblige us, and also aid the good cause materially, if they will kindly distribute these extra copies, at once, among persons who will be likely to become subscribers

Campaign Everywhere.

BELLEVILLE.—An important meeting of the Committee of the Scott Act Association was held on Tuesday evening, 13th inst., in the Patriot office. It was unanimously decided that the petitions be given to the canvassers on the next night of meeting, Tuesday, 19th inst. Several important names were added to the Committee. The returns from the various Ward Committees are very favorable.

Every member of each Ward Committee of the Scott Act Association of the city is earnestly requested to be present next Tuesday evening, 19th inst., for the purpose of receiving their petitions and instructions.—*Canadian Patriot*.

ONTARIO.—The petitions for the submission of the Scott Act in this county were removed from the Registry office on Saturday, having remained there the full time called for by law. Remaining in the hands of the Secretary of State the required time, and the day once fixed, which will likely be about the end of June, the contest it may be said is fairly opened. Of the nature of the Act and its operations it would seem almost useless to say much, so thoroughly has the question been discussed both by the press and on the platform, in this county as well as elsewhere throughout the Province. A strong argument in behalf of the movement is the success it has met with in every county, almost without an exception, wherever contested. There it has undergone an out-and-out discussion. The public have had every opportunity to understand what could be said for, as well as against the Act, the opportunity has been availed of, and the result is as stated, the defeat of the measure in any county being a rare exception.

The Act is not all that is wanted by the friends of temperance, but it is an advance step in that tide of restrictive legislation of the liquor traffic that has been making such substantial headway all over the world—Canada no exception—for some years past. And a step further taken by the adoption of the Scott Act just brings us that much nearer the desired goal—publicly so stated by numbers who even array themselves against the Scott Act.—*Whitby Chronicle*.

WATERLOO.—The public temperance meeting at Crosshill, held last Thursday evening was fairly attended considering the state of the roads. Addresses were given by Mr. Hilliard and Rev. S. L. Umbach.

In the afternoon the Co. Secretary met the canvassers and local secretaries of Wellesley township. The work was judiciously parcelled out among the men. 13 in number. Every one was present, save one, and we believe a judicious selection was made for this very responsible work. A township committee was appointed to take general oversight of the work in the township, composed of Messrs. Boomer, Barbour and Woodward. The prospect is that Wellesley will give an unexpectedly good account of itself when polling day comes.

A meeting was held at Freeport in the U. B. Church on Saturday evening. Rev. Mr. Major, the newly appointed pastor, occupied the chair. Messrs. Geo. Clemens, Rev. D. B. Sherk and Mr. Hilliard addressed the meeting on the temperance question generally, but more particularly on the Scott Act. A branch association with 13 members was formed, Mr. Weber of Chicopee, being Secretary, Rev. Mr. Major president, and Messrs. Snyder, Clemens and another whose name has escaped us, as local committee, together with the President and Secretary. The Freeport branch starts off well, and we hope it will do good work.

Mr. W. H. Young, Police Magistrate of Halton, who has had more experience in connection with the enforcement of the Scott Act than any other man, has consented to address public meetings in our county during the week, beginning May 25th. We ask township Committees to communicate with the Co. Secretary at once, so that a plan of appointments may be arranged so as to be satisfactory all round. The general idea is that Mr. Young will hold one meeting in each township. In writing to the Secretary please give dates in the order of choice, and mention the place of meeting deemed best for your township.—*Waterloo Chronicle*.