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HALTON.

A GREAT CAMPAIGN GOING ON.

The Little Banner County to the Front Again--The Contest Waxing Hot--The Antis Fighting Under Cover--Lots of Anonymous Falsehoods Circulated--But the Moral Tone of the County is Sound.

No election contest that has taken place in this country for many years has created more widespread interest than has the struggle that will terminate in Halton county on Thursday, March 1st. The liquor party is playing a desperate game. Recognizing the fact that Halton's brilliant history was a standing rebuke to their pretensions and misrepresentations, they made up their minds some time ago to do all that possibly could be done to change the little county's record. They began their campaign in good time, and for years they worked until they finally believed that they had got things into such shape as would enable them to attain their nefarious object. But they went too fast, and they went too far. Their policy of law defiance, incendiaryism, and brutal assault, only strengthened the determination of Halton electors to have nothing to do with a cause supported by such measures and such men. The petition for the repeal of the Scott Act was circulated and signed. It barely covered the requirements of the law, but it went through, and the Antis' case was seen to be about hopeless. The liquor party, however, recognized that sentiment was growing against them fast, and in sheer desperation, fearing that they would never have so good an opportunity again, they have rallied for another fight.

The friends of the Scott Act are ready for them. All over the county to-day energetic work is being carried on. Nearly every Christian church is open to the prohibition workers--nearly all the local clergymen are working hard for the Scott Act--Christian men and women are doing their duty nobly and well. Meetings are being held--literature from the office of the CITIZEN PUBLISHING COMPANY is flooding the county. Prayer is going up to the Throne of Grace for help, and the prospects of success are good. Time and space would fail us were we to attempt to tell of the many meetings that are being held and the magnificent work that is being done.

The solid truth has shaken the county from centre to circumference, as nothing else could do it. And when we have the truth on our side we always look for victory. The county is thoroughly stirred. The anti element are conducting their obnoxious cause in the way that whiskey, if got at all, has to be procured here now, viz, in a sneaking way. A series of reasons (!) have been promulgated by the repeal party why the Act should be sustained. They are abominable and ridiculous and bring down the contempt of all respectable people. Their weight will probably be more in favor of, than against the Scott Act.

Although invitations have been placed in every bill announcing a meeting, not a single Anti has ventured to speak on a public platform. They are afraid. Their policy is a cowardly one. Their business is a bad one, and won't stand publicity. The objection that the Act can't be enforced is not now made even in private. The Act has been enforced here. For instance, two sentences of two months each and two for first offences, \$75 each, were passed in Georgetown on Saturday. And so the work goes on. A great deal more has been paid into the treasury than has been taken out for Scott Act enforcement. No one complains of any loss to the revenue. It has been a financial gain to this county, as well as a gain in many other desirable respects. All kinds of false reports are being circulated by the liquor party. One is that a prominent temperance man and Scott Act worker in Georgetown keeps a keg of beer in his cellar. Another, that a number of the leading men in Georgetown, who supported the Act

before, will not do so now. These reports are miserable fabrications, and are tainted with rum. I don't know of a single temperance man in this community who voted for the Scott Act last time, but will do so again. This gives you an idea of the tactics the distracted Halton rum advocates are using. But they won't avail. The most prominent enemy of the Scott Act in this vicinity, on the political election day, went around electioneering with a bottle of whiskey in his pocket. This is a sample of the trash that want to run our county and country.

The Antis held a convention at Milton the other day. A Toronto man offered to organize the county for them, for \$600. A local man, it is said, offered to do it for \$50. They accepted the local man. So blue a convention was never held in this county. Gordon Mowat, of Toronto, was in town, and placed before the convention some of his L. T. U. chat. But he's no good in Halton or any place else. It is said that Acton is going to do well for the Act this time. Acton has always held an enviable position on the temperance question.

Georgetown people are aroused, and will make an honest showing on 1st March. They will be up to the mark, perhaps ahead. The Antis have held no prayer meetings in any part of the county as yet. It's hard to ask God to bless you as you deposit a ballot for the petition.

Around Ballinacree, which has not been remarkable for its advanced temperance thought, the sentiment has been growing, and this ward will give a good account of itself.

In Norval several meetings have been held, and rousing ones they were. The Norval people will, we hope, turn out well on election day and give the petition the cold shoulder.

Hornby and Ashgrove will do as well as before, and, we are convinced, will show their desire for law and order by polling a good vote against the petition.

Limehouse, it is reckoned, will do better than before. A number of the leading men of the place, who voted anti last time, have changed their views and will not oppose the Scott Act on 1st of March.

All through the south part of the county campaigning is going on, right sentiment is running high, and Oakville, Burlington, Palermo, Bronte, Trafalgar, and other places will do well for our cause.

At Milton a Scott Act meeting, packing the hall, and many standing, on Tuesday evening 21st, listened with attention and delight to the facts and arguments in favor of the Scott Act, as put by the speakers Rev. Russ, McKay, and J. J. McLaren and McCraney. The feeling of the meeting was excellent and full of enthusiastic hope that the Act will be sustained. Though many of the Antis were present and asked by the chairman, Dr. Robertson, to come to the platform and reply, none came. The liquor advocates have left the platform of public discussion as they are always defeated, as they signally failed in the Halton battle of 1884.

A meeting was held in Burlington on Monday evening last. The attendance of voters was very good. It was evident that all the Anti voters were not hindered from attending. It seems to be the policy of the liquor men to keep away from all public meetings. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Wasson, Presbyterian minister of Georgetown, and D. L. Brethour, of Brantford. The meeting was said to be very good. On Tuesday evening a meeting was held in Limehouse, and addressed by the same speakers. The Methodist church was full. A large number of Anti voters, or those said to be Anti, was present. They listened with great attention, and the meeting was decidedly influential.

We look for a good majority in the county. But friends, work! pray! work!

NORTH HALTON.

VOTE FOR YOUR HOME AGAINST THE PETITION. When God lets loose a thought in the world it is eternal like Himself. Prohibition is an arrow from his quiver, hence Prohibition, the struggle of to-day, will be the crowning glory of to-morrow.

CANADIAN.

Fifty Dollars and Costs.

A HOTEL-KEEPER, named Hamil, of Chatham, was fined \$50 and costs a few days ago for Scott Act violation.

East Kent.

At Bothwell, on the 10th inst., Wm. Poynter was fined \$50 and costs on each of three charges of Scott Act violation. William Donnelly tried hard to prove that he had leased his bar, but Police Magistrate McDougall could not see it in that light and fined him \$50 and costs.

They Watched Him.

Mr. Chas. H. Preston, who does business at 415 King Street west in this city was recently presented with a handsome gold watch by the Good Templars of Oregon, Ill. Mr. Preston led a very successful campaign for the closing up of all saloons in the town named. Hence this mark of well-merited appreciation.

The Toronto Revival.

Mr. T. N. DOURNEY is still pushing his work in the Temperance Hall with a great deal of success, ably assisted by his talented wife. He spoke in the Pavilion on Sunday afternoon last at the regular Gospel Temperance meeting of the Y. M. P. C. His visit to Toronto has already been productive of much good.

A Talented Lady.

Mrs. B. B. KEEFER has been making a very successful lecture tour in the counties of Lennox and Addington. She has addressed sixteen meetings and organized seven local W. C. T. U.'s. Three meetings were held at Napanee, and others at Canworth, Enterprise, Odessa, Centreville, Canoe East, Bath and Deseronto. The local papers, where Mrs. Keefer has been, speak in the highest praise of her ability and zeal.

Head-Quarters.

TORONTO W. C. T. U. workers are pushing their headquarters' scheme vigorously. At the regular meeting of the Central Union, on Monday last, a resolution was arrived at to petition the local legislature for an act prohibiting the working of female employes more than twelve hours a day. A committee consisting of Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. Forster, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Callum, Mrs. Spence, Mrs. Cully, Mrs. Tyner, and Mrs. Dodda, was appointed to co-operate with Mrs. Skinner in the headquarters scheme.

Ontario County.

On the 13th, 14th and 20th inst., Police Magistrate Horn held court at Beaverton for the trial of Scott Act offenders with the following results:--D. McDonald, E. Gallagher, M. Hogan and G. Gresham were fined each \$50 and costs; A. Gattio was fined \$100 and costs. On the 20th also, at Uxbridge, Thomas Bennett and Mr. Ross, of Uxbridge, were convicted; the latter for a first offence, for which he was fined \$50 and costs, and the former convicted of a third offence, was sentenced to serve 60 days in gaol. The other persons of the same section of country have been sent to Whitchy gaol in default of payment of fines.

Law and Order.

THE Toronto Society for the Suppression of Vice recently held its annual meeting in Association Hall. After some discussion the name of this organization was changed to "The Law and Order League of Toronto." The following officers were elected: Pres., J. J. McLaren; Treas., J. Thomson; Council--Hon. John Macdonald, Hon. S. H. Blake, Inspector Archibald, Isaac Wardell, Jas. Dobson, W. G. Storm, Ald. Fleming, Rev. H. M. McTavish, Rev. A. F. McGregor, Robt. Hall, John Howie, James Bain, Jun., W. H. Orr, Malcolm Gibbs and Rev. J. Donovan. Executive Committee--President and Secretary ex officio, Inspector Archibald, Ald. Fleming, W. G. Storm, John A. Patterson, Robert Hall, Rev. H. M. McTavish and James Thomson.

The Figures for 1887.

FALLING OFF IN DRUNKENNESS.

The Province of Ontario Gives a Startling Object Lesson on the Effectiveness of the Scott Act in Lessening Intemperance--Drunkenness Reduced to Less than One-third of its former Dimensions--We "thank God and take courage."

In his report on the working of the Tavern and Shop Licenses Act, recently laid before the House, Hon. A. S. Hardy, Provincial Secretary, gives a table showing the number of prisoners committed to the county gaols of Ontario for drunkenness during the past two years. From these figures we gather some interesting information in reference to the relative progress of places under Scott Act and License respectively. There are now in the Province of Ontario forty-one judicial counties. One of these, the county of Halton, has had the Scott Act in operation since May 1, 1881. It is one of the others, viz., Bruce, Dufferin, Huron, Muskoka etc., Norfolk, Oxford, Dundas etc., Renfrew, and Simcoe, the Scott Act went into operation on May 1st, 1885; and in eleven, viz., Elgin, Kent, Lambton, Lanark, Leeds, etc., Lennox etc., Northumberland etc., Ontario, Prescott etc., Peterboro, and Wellington, it went into operation on May 1, 1886. There are also six judicial counties, viz., Brant (including Brantford), Carleton (including Ottawa), Frontenac (including Kingston), Lincoln (including St. Catharines), Middlesex (including London), and Victoria etc., are partly under Scott Act and partly under license; the Scott Act having gone into operation in part of all of them on May 1, 1886. All the other counties, fourteen in number, are still under license.

The government returns are made out for the year ending September 30. It will be seen that in order to fairly compare different localities, we ought to take them for the same years, and those years should be full years of license and full years of Scott Act. We have only one full year of Scott Act for all the places in which it is in operation, namely, the year ending September 30, 1887, and the last year in which all these places (Halton excepted) were under license, was the year ending Sept. 30, 1884. Halton, for the reasons named, must lie out of this calculation. Its figures have often been given. We may summarize them by saying that for the six years preceding the coming into operation of the Scott Act, Halton county aggregated 54 commitments for drunkenness, and during the six years since the Scott Act came into operation, she has aggregated 44 such commitments. We will divide all the remaining judicial districts into three groups, namely (1) Counties entirely under license in 1884 and still under license; (2) Counties entirely under license in 1884 and entirely under Scott Act in 1887; (3) Counties under license in 1884 and partly under Scott Act in 1887. These tables will contain the figures for the whole province of Ontario.

COMMITMENTS FOR DRUNKENNESS IN TWENTY COUNTIES CHANGED ENTIRELY FROM LICENSE TO SCOTT ACT.

Table with 3 columns: County Name, 1884, 1887. Rows include Bruce, Dufferin, Elgin, Huron, Kent, Lambton, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, Lennox and Addington, Muskoka and Parry S'd, Norfolk, Northumberland & Durham, Ontario, Oxford, Prescott and Russell, Peterboro, Renfrew, Simcoe, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Wellington.

COMMITMENTS FOR DRUNKENNESS IN FOURTEEN COUNTIES UNDER LICENSE IN BOTH 1884 AND 1887.

Table with 3 columns: County Name, 1884, 1887. Rows include Algoma, Essex, Grey, Haldimand, Hastings, Nipissing, Peel, Perth, P. E. County, Thunder Bay, Waterloo, Welland, Wentworth, York.

COMMITMENTS FOR DRUNKENNESS IN SIX CONSTITUENCIES CHANGED FROM LICENSE TO SCOTT ACT.

Table with 3 columns: County Name, 1884, 1887. Rows include Brant, Carleton, Frontenac, Lincoln, Middlesex, Victoria and Haliburton, Total.

These figures need no comment. They speak eloquently of the general fact, that where the Scott Act comes into operation crime is diminished and morality promoted. In reference to the few cases where the principle does not seem to be fully borne out, our friends have already learned facts regarding enforcement that are more than sufficient to explain the situation. It is to be regretted that alongside the startling and general decrease of drunkenness in Scott Act counties there is really a general increase in places where license still prevails. The figures in Algoma and Thunder Bay may be explained by the fluctuations which have characterized its lumbering population.

COUNTY OF LAMBTON.

Report of M. S. Campbell, Police Magistrate. To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Lambton, in Council Assembled:

GENTLEMEN,--From general observation throughout the County, I learn there are many individuals who would like to know what is and has been done under the Canada Temperance Act since my appointment as Police Magistrate, and believing it is the duty of all officers in the service of the general public to make their doings and actions publicly known, and thinking you yourselves would be pleased to be made aware of the same, I have endeavored to prepare a retrospective synopsis for your consideration and information.

My first complaint laid before me was on the 22nd of July, 1886, and up to the present time I have had 165 actual cases tried before me, with many other complaints which were not gone on with and since abandoned for good reasons--(want of sufficient evidence.) Out of those 165 cases I made 93 convictions, disposed of as follows: 7 left the country, 2 served a term in jail, 4 convictions were quashed, 5 are at present under appeal and not yet disposed of, and 1 has not paid. From the balance a respective fine has been collected, amounting to in all up to 14th December, 1887, to \$4,150, which has been disposed of as follows:--

To H. G. Taylor, Inspector East Lambton, I paid \$ 350 00 To R. C. Palmer, Inspector of West Lambton, I paid 100 00 To your County Treasurer.. 3000 00

Leaving a balance of \$100 in my possession at the present time.

During the time of my appointment I incurred an expense of \$290.91, to which add my six quarters' salary of \$900.00 will make \$1,190.91 total expenses incurred by me. This would leave nearly \$3,000 to your credit to meet other expenses, etc.

The fines imposed and collected from the different municipalities throughout the County have been as follows, namely:--

Table with 2 columns: Municipality Name, Amount. Rows include Bosanquet, Alvinston, Warwick, Watford, Forest, Wyoming, Arkona, Brookes, Euphemias, Sarnia, Point Edward, Sombra, Dawn, Moore, Petrolia, Ennisville, Oil Springs.

I have examined over 1,000 witnesses and issued over 3,000 summonses. The large number of dismissals I believe have been caused principally on account of the great reluctance on the part of witnesses to give free and open evidence, and sometimes of very colorable and evasive nature, which the prosecution could not help or control. I believe the prosecution need all reasonable and persuasive tact to make their cases good with the material evidence they possessed in the different cases.

I have endeavored to do and render unbiased decisions in every case according to the evidence before me, having no other motive than to do justice to all. Hoping I have fully explained and done my duty satisfactorily to you and the inhabitants of the County of Lambton generally.

I am, yours respectfully, M. S. CAMPBELL, Police Magistrate.