

General Conference. At that time the Canada Temperance Act of 1878 was in force in only one county in Ontario. Since then it has been adopted in twenty-five of the thirty-eight counties, and in two cities of the Province of Ontario, and in over sixty counties and cities of the Dominion. The aggregate majority of the votes cast in Ontario is twenty-six thousand, and in the Dominion there is a gross majority of over fifty thousand in favor of local option and prohibition. This declares most unmistakably that our country is ready for more advanced legislation in the direction of the total suppression of the liquor traffic. It gives us unbounded satisfaction to know that there is a great popular uprising all over the land against the great liquor crime. It stands between us and religious, social, moral, and political reform. The ballot must execute the will of a free people, and must not be cast for that which is a sin against God and a crime against humanity. The time has come to draw the line between those who stand with the saloon and against the people, and those who stand with the people and against the saloon. We therefore recommend that our people, in all municipal and parliamentary elections, vote only for candidates who, in addition to other necessary qualifications, are known and professed prohibitionists; and we heartily pledge ourselves to co-operate with the Dominion Alliance, and all temperance organizations, in their efforts to educate the electors of the Dominion on the necessity of prohibitory legislation.

We cannot admit the statement so often made by those having little or no sympathy with prohibition, that the country is not yet ready for a prohibitory law; on the contrary, we are convinced that the country, by adopting the Scott Act, showed it was ready for such legislation. We believe the wide growth of public sentiment in favor of prohibition renders it the duty of our parliament to pass a prohibitory law that will brand the traffic with public condemnation.

#### THE SCOTT ACT.

It gives us great pleasure to recognize the fact that great good has resulted to the people in every place where the Scott Act has been adopted and enforced. Trade has been benefited, the morals of the people made better, many homes made happy, and crime materially lessened. We approve and commend the heroic spirit and self-sacrificing work of many of the noble army of temperance workers who have, in the face of an unscrupulous and murderous foe, maintained their principles, enforced the law, and succeeded in many places in the Dominion in driving the drink curse from the face of men.

We view with horror, and unsparingly condemn, the methods used by the anti-Scott Act party in attempting to defeat the beneficent purposes of the law, and in persecuting, even unto death, the courageous souls who have worked for the adoption, and been

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