

GREY.—The Committee on Temperance, of Grey Division Grange No. 2 brought in the following report at a recent meeting, a copy of which has been kindly furnished us for publication by the Secretary, Mr. John Weber:—

Judsonville, July 3rd, 1884.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Grey Division Grange No. 2:

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report, that in view of the Scott Act being about to be submitted to the Electors of this County (Grey) and from our opinion of the working of the said Act in the Counties in which it has been passed, your committee would recommend that this Division pledge their support in favor of said Act, and that the Secretary be requested to furnish the leading papers in the County with a copy of this report.

Adopted.

J. I. GRAHAM,
Chairman.

As the above represents the sentiment of a large and important class of the agriculturists of Grey, the significance of such a report at this juncture is apparent to the most obtuse mind. We congratulate our Grey friends on the manly stand they have taken on the all-absorbing question of the hour.—*Flesherton Advance*.

The Secretary of the Owen Sound Branch called a meeting last week of the workers of the Scott Act for the completion of organization and placing in the hands of the canvassers the necessary petitions for the signature of the electors to bring on a vote at as early a day as possible for the adoption of the Scott Act. The number of delegates present from the different municipalities was much larger than was anticipated, and the reports very encouraging. In the evening a public meeting was held in the Town Hall. The Chairman invited anti-Scott Act speakers to the platform, but no one put in a defence. Mr. W. Munns, ex-Secretary of the Toronto Prohibitory Alliance was called upon, who ably strove to show that prohibition does prohibit, after which the Rev. B. B. Keafer, of Hamilton, gave an earnest practical address of over one hour, which was listened to throughout with attention, producing figures and facts as to the success of the Scott Act in reducing drunkenness and crime, after which the Chairman called for an expression of the meeting, which resulted in a unanimous standing vote in favor of the Act.—*Globe*.

HURON.—A correspondent from Gorrie writes: "A large and interesting meeting was held in the Drill Shed on Tuesday evening in the interest of the Scott Act. Rev. C. R. Morrow spoke in the interest of the Act, and a Mr. Moir, of Exeter, in the interest of the anti-Temperance party. The meeting was a grand success. A vote was taken which was almost unanimous for the Act. A few remained in their seats but would not stand up against the Act."

Last Monday evening the large Town Hall at Brussels was filled to overflowing by persons desirous of hearing the discussion upon the Scott Act. At 8 o'clock the chair was taken by Mr. W. H. Kerr, editor of the *Post*, who, after inviting all the ministers in the audience to take seats on the platform, called upon Rev. J. Ross, B.A., to open with prayer.

Mr. Geo. Moir, of the Exeter *Reflector*, took a seat on the platform as the anti-temperance speaker.

Rev. C. R. Morrow addressed the gathering for about 45 minutes, and was listened to with all attention. A couple of Anti-Scott individuals, who were bubbling over with extract of barley, made themselves a laughing stock by asking silly and impertinent questions.

The anti-temperance speaker then spoke for an hour. Mr. Moir is a good talker, and he was accorded an attentive hearing. He followed the course usually marked out by King Dodds, contending that high license is better than prohibitory measures.

The audience joined in singing a couple of verses of "Hold the Fort," after which Mr. Morrow replied to Mr. Moir's speech. The reverend gentleman did it so effectively that when a show of hands was taken not a soul of the whole large audience would vote against the Act. Mr. Morrow is too many for Mr. Moir on the temperance platform.

Thanks were voted to the Chairman and speakers, and the meeting brought to a close by singing "God save the Queen," and the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. F. Ryan, B.D.

Brussels will add to the majority in favor of the Act when it comes to the vote.—*Advertiser*.

MANITOBA.—We learn from the *Winnipeg Sun* that the Scott Act movement in Manitoba is making rapid progress. Mr. W. W. Buchanan, of Winnipeg, has been doing campaign work in different parts of the province. At Woodlands and Meadowlee he has succeeded in forming a good working organization that will no doubt be of great assistance in the coming contest.

BRANDON.—On Tuesday evening a mass temperance meeting was held in the Canada Methodist Church, which was largely attended by the most influential people of the city. The chair was occupied by Rev. Mr. Boydell, Anglican minister. Hon. J. N. Sifton, the first speaker, explained the character and work of the Dominion Alliance, now pressing the prohibition movement in Canada by Scott Act agitation. Rev. Mr. Betts, lately from the province of New Brunswick, bore testimony to the efficacy of the Act as a prohibition measure, and declared that in the Maritime Provinces it had been proved by actual experiment a grand success, no better evidence being required than the fact that every attempt to repeal it after three years' trial was a failure, and that county after county adjoining those where it was in enforced were adopting it. Mr. W. W. Buchanan followed in an address of an hour and a half, running over the history of prohibitory effort in Canada, explaining the character and provisions of the Scott Act, and the line of work proposed by the Manitoba branch of the Dominion Alliance. He made clear the fact that the present agitation was a legitimate stage or link in the progress of temperance reform, and followed in logical sequence the work of the past, leading on to ultimate, pure and simple prohibition. He also met and answered a number of the objections brought against the agitation. The following resolutions were put and adopted enthusiastically:—

Moved by A. M. Peterson, and seconded by Dr. Fleming, that this meeting fully endorses the action of the Manitoba branch of the Dominion Alliance in having the Scott Act submitted to a vote of the people in this Province of Manitoba, and that we pledge ourselves to support it to the utmost of our ability.

Moved by P. B. Bliss, and seconded by Dr. McDiarmid, That we now proceed to form for this city a branch in connection with the Manitoba branch of the Dominion Alliance, and that we proceed to elect an executive committee and officers, and enroll such names as may wish to become members.

A large organization was then formed and arrangements made for commencing work in Brandon at once.—*Winnipeg Sun*.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—The Executive Committee of the Yarmouth County Temperance Convention, held a meeting on Tuesday the 18th inst., to consider what steps were necessary to be taken in view of the Act coming into force in this County. The Court had been apprised of the fact that the Governor-General had already proclaimed the law in force, the order-in-council being made on the 23rd day of May last; but upon referring to the *Canada Gazette* we found that the proclamation was made in conformity with the Act before it was amended; which has already caused much trouble and vexation to the prosecutors in this Province under the Act, and which led the Judges of N. S. to decide, not long ago, "That the law was not in force, and could not be brought into force in Counties where no licenses were granted;" where if the proclamation should have been made in the words of and agreeably to the Amended Act, to wit, that in Counties where no licenses were granted, the Act should be declared and come into force in thirty days after the date of the Order-in-Council.

The Court decided to at once call the attention of those having jurisdiction in the matter, to the error made and request them to rectify the said error as quickly as possible.

The Court also appointed a person as prosecutor under the Act, so as to be ready for work just as soon as the law is in working order, and all that remains is for the temperance friends to provide a moderate fund so that prosecutors may have some means with which to commence work.—*Yarmouth Times*.

W. A. C. RANDALL, Secretary.

Independent Order of Good Templars.

MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick convened in annual session at Sussex, King's county, on Tuesday 15th inst., at 3 p.m. The first session was devoted chiefly to routine business, and in arrangements for the following meetings. At 7.30 p.m. the officers and members