

BRANTFORD.—The vote in this county will be taken on the 11th of December, simultaneously with the voting in the surrounding county. On Thursday evening of last week a meeting was held in Wycliffe Hall addressed by Mr. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance. Mr. Watts, of this city, spoke in opposition, but the meeting was overwhelmingly in favor of the Scott Act. Organization is in good shape; literature is being circulated; ward meetings held, and a grand victory is expected on the 11th of December.

LONDON.—A meeting was held in the Victoria Hall last week to consider the propriety of taking a vote on the Scott Act in the city at an early date. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. H. Bull. Mr. G. Webster took the chair, and Rev. W. H. Butt was appointed secretary pro. tem. On motion it was decided to organize a Central Committee to promote the passage of the Act at an early date, and the following officers were appointed:—W. Bowman, president; E. T. Essery, secretary; W. R. Hobbs, treasurer. Seven vice-presidents were appointed representing the different denominations; and all present were elected members of the committee, with power to add to the number. Considerable enthusiasm was manifested and strong hopes expressed of the possibility of carrying the Act. Immediate steps are to be taken for the circulation of petitions, and the meeting adjourned about 10 p. m. to meet again at the call of the President.—*London Advertiser*.

VICTORIA.—There has not yet been formed a central Scott Act Association for this county, but work is going on and will soon take a practical shape. The feeling in favor of prohibition has for a long time been growing, and will, no doubt, find expression in a Scott Act vote in different parts. County temperance work is progressing, as is evidenced by such items as the following clipped from a recent issue of the *Free Grant Gazette*:—

"A very interesting and largely attended meeting of the Bracebridge Blue Ribbon Society took place last night. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. H. S. Matthews, and by Messrs. James Boyer and H. Boyer. Mr. Thomas gave a humorous recitation, and Mr. F. Oaten contributed a reading. The election of officers for the ensuing term took place, resulting as follows:—President, James Dollar; vice-president, James Boyer; secretary, Henry Boyer; treasurer, A. Hunt; organist, Miss L. Young. A committee was appointed to arrange for a social at the next regular meeting. Mrs. Dollar, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Liddard and Mrs. Oaten were placed on this committee.

PRINCE EDWARD.—A Conseccon correspondent writes:—The Scott Act defeated in the county of Prince Edward; we feel sorry, but we are by no means conquered. We fought the battle honestly and fearlessly and we shall yet win. While the vote was being taken here constant prayer was offered up in our church and when the polls closed the two polling divisions in Conseccon Village gave us a majority of 51. We felt sure prayer had not been in vain. We can say with a clear conscience that we did our duty as Christians and feel that our hands are clean from all crime that may be committed by the drink traffic in this county for the next three years after the election. A mass meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church by the temperance people when the following resolutions were adopted and forty-two joined a society called Prohibition "That as we were defeated in the contest for the adoption of the Canada Temperance Act, and are now prevented from adopting it as a county for three years, therefore be it resolved (1) that we labor henceforth to bring about total prohibition for the entire Dominion, and (2) that we as temperance men feel it our duty to nominate and support for municipal and other officers men who are true and tried temperance men in favor of the Scott Act and total prohibition." Meetings are being held weekly. They are well attended and God will prosper our cause.

BRANT.—The campaign is waxing hot and the prospects are growing brighter every day. The Rev. T. H. Orme, the president of the County Association, is personally superintending the details of the organization, and he feels confident of a good majority.

The *London Advertiser* reports a rousing Scott Act meeting held last week in Paris. "The Town Hall was crowded to the door, many having to leave for want of accommodation. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. Mr. McDonagh, Methodist minister of Sarnia, who was a former pastor of one of the churches in Paris

Besides the speaker, there were on the platform the Rev. Mr. Hughes, of the Congregational church, who presided, and Rev. Mr. Brock, of the Methodist Church, with Mr. Thos. Webster, Grand Scribe of the Sons of Temperance, and Mr. Robertson, chairman of the Scott Act Committee. Mr. McDonagh handled his subject ably, and was frequently and warmly applauded throughout the course of his address. He was followed by Mr. Angus, a retired merchant of Paris, who had opposed the Dunkin Act and had hitherto taken no definite stand in relation to the Scott Act, but who announced amid enthusiastic applause that he had now decided to support the Scott Act as a measure much superior to the Dunkin Act."

ESSEX.—We are glad to find that organization in this county is rapidly being perfected. At a convention held on the 31st Oct., a Prohibitory Alliance was organized for the county with the following officers:—

Peter Wright, president; J. H. Smart, 1st vice-president; C. P. Simpson, 2nd vice-president; John Milne, treasurer; Rev. Chas. Teeter, secretary.

The secretary informs us that the Rev. D. Pomeroy has been engaged to hold a series of meetings in each municipality. He says that the prospect of getting the Scott Act adopted in this county is not discouraging. The imperfect canvass already made has furnished us within a few hundreds of the requisite number of names to the petitions. But the Alliance, to make, "assurance doubly sure," have resolved to secure a thousand additional signatures before they file them. This we believe can readily be done, as a large part of the county remains to be canvassed. Arrangements are made to circulate petitions in these parts during the next few weeks.

Arrangements have already been made for the holding of about seventy meetings, and we have no doubt that when the polling day comes Essex will give a good account of herself, showing that all this work has not been done in vain.

The liquor-sellers are rousing and have called a general meeting for December 3rd, at Windsor. The object of this meeting is to discuss plans for counteracting the work the temperance men have undertaken. The L.V.A., of Essex, has a large membership, including all the liquor-sellers in the county, and will spend a large amount of money in opposing the Scott Act agitation.

YORK.—The work in this county is going on vigorously. Petitions are almost completed; and the executive committee meets this week to make further arrangements. The different temperance societies in the county are thoroughly aroused, and are adopting all sorts of plans to get the sentiment of the community well worked up. One of these plans, which we think specially commendable, is stated as follows by the *Richmond Hill Liberal*.

At a meeting of the joint committee appointed by the I.O.G.T., and the W.C.T.U., of this place, held at the residence of Mrs. Campbell, it was resolved to offer a prize of a ten dollar gold piece for the best Essay on "The Evils of Intemperance," by any lady or gentleman residing in the village of Richmond Hill, and under the age of twenty years. The essay to be original, legibly written, and not to exceed in length six pages of foolscap written on one side only, with each page numbered. Each essay shall have an assumed name, signed at the end, and be forwarded to Mr. J. H. Sanderson, W.C. of the Temple, not later than the 8th December next. The real name of the author with the assumed name, to be forwarded to Mrs. Sterling, President of the W.C.T.U., in a sealed envelope, not to be opened until after the decision of the judges, who shall be chosen one from each society, with power to choose a third. The prize essay will be read and the presentation made at an entertainment to be held on the 17th Dec., in the Temperance Hall, and afterwards published.

GUELPH.—The Guelph Christian Temperance Club has a Band of Hope with four hundred and sixty-seven members; it meets every Sabbath afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the Caledonia Hall. Its exercises are singing, prayer, reading the Scriptures, readings, recitations, &c., by the children; responsive readings on temperance subjects, and signing the threefold pledge against liquors, tobacco and profanity. The members are weekly supplied with temperance tracts, which they carry home to their parents and friends. The Band of Hope is a great power for good in Guelph; it is one great cause of the stray temperance sentiment that prevails in the city, and will help very much towards giving a large majority for the Scott Act when the vote is taken.