

THE ACADIAN.
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The Scott Act and its Workings.

B. For another issue of the ACADIAN is in the hands of its readers, the annual meeting of the Municipal Council will have convened. The most important question which will come up for deliberation before this august body will be the appointment of an inspector under the Scott Act. This question was discussed at some length by the Council and by the clergy last year, and when the vote for the appointment of an inspector was reached, the appointment was lost by a narrow majority. No temperance element, and all who have the welfare and morality of the county at heart, will again urge upon the Council the appointment. It is to be hoped that this year an inspector will be secured. The past year the temperance element has had full sway. Now let the temperance portion of the county try a year, then both influences will be even, and we all can see which of the two influences is for the best. If under an inspector the open violation of the Scott Act cannot be stopped, the temperance element can throw up the sponge and let the county go on in the same manner as it has since, and previous to, the adoption of the Scott Act.

We called attention editorially a week or two ago to the success of the Act in Ontario, and as statistics is the best mode of proving whether the Act is a failure, partial or otherwise, we will take the city of Charlottetown, P. E. I., with its population of 12,000, as an example. The average number of arrests there per annum for all offences under licence was 597; under the Scott Act, 200—a decrease of 297. As everyone knows, the great bulk of all arrests arise from intemperance. In police courts it is estimated that on an average each "drunk" committed costs the community \$30, which amount includes cost of arrest, trial, services, and board. Let us suppose that only half the arrests in Charlottetown, which is a low estimate, were caused by drink, and there is a saving to the city by the Scott Act of \$4,400 per year, or for the seven years in which the Act has been in operation in this city, \$31,185.

We could go on and cite how the Scott Act has decreased Municipal poor relief, but this is needless, for in this enlightened county every one knows, who cares to know the truth, that rum and the effects of rum causes a vast expenditure in the keeping of its paupers who at the last resort come to the poor farm and become a burden upon the people.

We have already proved that the Scott Act is "working" in Ontario, and by taking the county of Halton in that province it will also be seen that the Act reduces drunkenness. In that county for the year ending September 30th, 1886, there were, of those residing in the county, only two commitments for drunkenness, and considering there were abundant facilities for procuring liquor this is certainly a remarkable record for a county containing nearly 22,000 inhabitants. According to the Ontario Prisoner Report 1886, in ten counties during the license year, 1884, there were 211 commitments for drunkenness. We would of course expect to find the same number of commitments again; but under the Scott Act in 1886 the number had fallen to 81—a decrease of 130. Not a bad showing in a space of two years. Another case can be called to mind. In fifteen Ontario counties, including the cities of St. Thomas and Guelph, there were in 1885, under licence, 399 commitments for drunkenness; and in the next year, with only five months of Scott Act, the number fell to 200—within one of being a decrease by half. The above gives some idea of the benefits arising from having the Scott Act, providing always that the Act is fearlessly enforced by equally fearless inspectors.

Now we will see how the drinking habit thrives under the license system. It may be said that the general sentiment against drinking is prevalent everywhere, either under the Scott Act or under licence, and the same result found in either case; but not so. Under the license there is very little difference apparent. In twelve Ontario counties, continuously under licence, the following is the number of commitments for drunkenness: In 1884 the number was 2,248; 1885, 2,344; 1886, 2,314. In Welland and Wentworth counties, including the city of Hamilton, there were steady increases each year. For York Co., including the city of Toronto, the figures for the three years above mentioned were 1,661, 1,707, and 1,708, respectively.

By referring to the Inland Revenue reports it is found that the Scott Act reduces the quantity of liquor consumed. This can be proved in several ways. The number of gallons per head consumed in the several provinces comprising the Dominion is as follows: Nova Scotia (two-thirds under the Scott Act), 1 1/2 gallons; P. E. Island (all under the Act), 2 of a gallon; British Columbia (with no Scott Act), 7 1/2 gallons; Quebec (a considerable portion of which is under Municipal prohibition), 3 1/2 gallons; Manitoba and Northwest Territory (the former under licence and the latter under prohibition), 2 1/2; Ontario (a part under the Scott Act), 4 1/2 gallons. What a significant contrast! British Columbia with no Act consuming 7 1/2 gallons per head, and Prince Edward Island all under the Act only consuming 1/2 of a gallon per head. Let the rum element say the above. They can bluster as much as they like, but with all their talk the Scott Act has come to stay and is doing its work slowly but surely. With an inspector, who will do his duty fearlessly and without favor, it will be a power in the county of King's and one that will soon strike terror in all who make a living by dealing out the accursed stuff, and make it imperative upon them to take up some other mode of making a living more congenial to those who have the county's good at heart.

In Ontario the following is the record of the consumption of liquor during the last five years: 1882, 5,29 gallons per head; 1883, 5,62; 1884, 5,53; 1885, 5,35; 1886, 4,55 gallons—showing a decrease of four-fifths of a gallon per head in comparison with the preceding year; which, multiplied by 1,923,228, the population of Ontario, gives a decrease in that province of 1,538,400 gallons. The amount of liquor consumed in the Dominion in 1886 was 3,65 gallons per head; the average for the last twenty years was 3,94, showing that less liquor was consumed in the Dominion during the year 1886 than the average of the preceding twenty years.

Our Country's Need.

A TIMELY CALL TO ALL THE FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE AND GOOD ORDER.

BY D. J. PARKER.

The people and the people's lawmakers have been slow to learn the lesson of their own shame and sorrow. Rum-blighted homes, bleeding hearts and dishonored graves are at length opening the people's eyes. Already they have asked for authority inverted with the might and majesty of Dominion law to crush the monster intemperance and save from desolation their homes, their firesides and their altars. Their prayers have gone up to Ottawa and there have been heard and answered, and the electors of King's Co. by an overwhelming majority have accepted it, and now there only remains that they rise up and in unbroken phalanx enforce Prohibition. As an earnest preliminary to this end, our Municipal Council must be appealed to through the courteous and persuasive majority of the people's petitions to take the law for Prohibition under its potent and fostering care. We have faith in brave men and in true-hearted women Under God's benediction they can move mountains. What has been achieved in other places, intelligent men and women of King's county, you can do.

Reluctantly I have yielded to the persistent solicitations of "those to whom it may concern" to send out this appeal for immediate, universal, harmonious and unyielding action.

MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL, we hail you first of all as the earnest and devoted pioneers of Prohibition. Exalted is your position, and your words, your pen and your example shape the thoughts, mould the sentiments and give character to whole communities. As brethren, no matter here, under what denominational banner you serve, be loved for your work's sake, with hearts yearning over suffering, bleeding, drunken, perishing humanity, we entreat you by the merities of God that you give the watchword to your flocks, not the "Go forward" of the Exodus, but the "Come of the Gospel." For the sheep hear the shepherd's voice and they follow him.

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, our next appeal is to you. Here with no hindrance you may meet and work on the same platform, standing shoulder to shoulder in a common cause. In your mission of peace on earth and good will to men, let your choice words, your devout prayers, and the weight of godliness be given to enforce and do honor to the law of the land. We ask for expressions of your interest in Prohibition, as individual churches, in harmony with the stirring words sent out from your Synods, Conferences, Associations, &c., to be laid before our Municipal Council, chosen to execute the people's wishes and to be our country's guardians of peace, sobriety and good order. Churches of Christ as the conservators of the true and pure, think on these things. The time is short. A grand opportunity is passing your temple doors. Take hold! Take hold and help dry up the cess pools of intemperance and open in their stead the healing waters of Bethesda. In this connection we appeal for a like expression from all the

SABBATH SCHOOLS under your watchful care. "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou (Lord) ordained strength because of their enemies that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger."

PUPILS OF OUR SCHOOLS, our appeal is also to you. When the temperance call comes to you, please respond, and let your voice be heard. You have a sovereign right to be heard. In a few years more every rum-seller now in our country will have finished his work of desolation, and have gone to render an account of his stewardship to Him who has said, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink," and all the liquor drinkers of to-day will be with the silent nations of the dead, and you will be the men and women filling all the offices of labor, honor and trust. If you are only true to yourselves, you will never curse the world by dealing out death to your fellowmen, and you will turn from strong drink as from a deadly serpent, and there will be no need of prohibitory laws, for every one will be a law unto himself, and the rum-shops will have no successors to dishonor God and curse the world.

TEMPERANCE ORGANIZATIONS, there is no need of appealing to you. Your whole temperance work is in the line of duty. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty—liberty from the thrall of intemperance.

BATEPAYERS, our closing call is to you. Most of you are honest, industrious and prudent men, burdened with heavy and unreasonable taxes, occasioned in a very large measure by the liquor traffic. The rum-venders live in fine houses, their wives flourish in rich silks, and their sons drive fast horses, and they have abundant treasures for the protection of their nefarious traffic and for setting up scarecrows all along the highways of life to frighten timid temperance people. Who furnishes them with the gold and silver for these things? The tipplers and the drunkards. And what then? And what next? Burdensome taxes, yes, dollars upon dollars piled up in heaps of thousands. And what is to be done? Quietly submit. Temperance is a failure. The whole machinery of Prohibition is a sham. Multiply rum-shops, recruit the ranks of tipplers and drunkards, manufacture papers and criminals wholesale, enlarge poorhouses and prisons, and add tax to tax, for men, very

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Kentville, November 25th, 1887

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Wolfville, Jan. 6th, 1888.

POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS AND REGIONAL DIFFERENCES.

you may in the near future be solicited to give your signature to a petition in the interests of Prohibition. We entreat you, write it with emphasis. In the well drawn-up battle array of the people's names there is, as there should be, almost the might of omnipotence. It is a duty of gratitude you owe to your Maker. It is a duty of philanthropy you owe to the sorrowing fathers and mothers weeping over the blighted prospects of their children. It is a duty you owe to the broken-hearted widows and widows in their destitute and desolated homes, grieving over their maddened and ruined husbands. It is a duty you owe to the homeless and friendless orphans, the bitter fruits of intemperance, destitute and uncared for in their helplessness. It is a duty you owe even to the rum-sellers themselves, blind to their own highest welfare, void of moral sensibility, past feeling, and ready for a few paltry pence to poison the springs of life and transform the very fountains of your homes into fountains of carnage.

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In fact we have everything in Grocery that a well assorted store should admit to keep.
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S. E. HUE.

Wolfeville Street, Kentville, Dec. 14, '87

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December 9th, 1887

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