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### THE CAMPAIGN.

The prospects of an overwhelming success in the present Scott Act campaign are growing brighter every day. Important social and political influences are being continually enlisted on the side of progressive legislation for the suppression of the terrible evils of intemperance. The steady and rapid rise that temperance sentiment is now making is almost unparalleled in its history. The extent of the agitation is almost as remarkable as its intensity. Four months have not yet elapsed since the Alliance issued the call to arms, and already in the Province of Ontario twenty-four counties and two cities thoroughly organized and well equipped have wheeled into the line of fight. The time is unusually opportune. The Church of England is thoroughly roused and the machinery of its extensive and influential temperance society is operating to bring over to our side those who before were neutral and indifferent. The Salvation Army has established itself all over the land and converted into supporters of our cause those who before were our bitterest opponents. All christian churches are awaking as they never had before to a sense of their responsibility and duty. Politicians have recognized the tread of public opinion and accepted its irresistible mandate as to their line of action. Behind all is the mighty force of a whole nation thoroughly roused to a sense of its danger and its duty. Just at the juncture when we are sorely feeling our need of some relief we have placed in our hands the finally and fully sustained and tested Scott Act, carefully adopted to our requirements, and already proved to be successful in its operations. No one claims that it is a perfect piece of legislation, but every one must admit that it is sound in principle as far as it goes and ought to command the support of every sincere advocate of social reform.

It is not to be wondered then that the recent conventions have been so overwhelmingly successful, notably those of Huron and Dufferin. The assistance of the chairman of the Executive of the Alliance, Rev. John Smith, at the former, and the help of the president, Hon. S. H. Blake, at the latter, contributed no doubt to the importance and enthusiasm of the occasions, but in each case the convention was a gathering of hundreds of earnest, determined men

who came to do a work and who did it. The immense mass meetings at which the gentlemen named delivered those elegant addresses that will be long remembered and productive of incalculable good, were only part of the carefully planned details of the contests that have been inaugurated. The present Scott Act campaign, in every light in which we view it, is full of grounds for thankfulness, incentives to work, and promises of present advantage and ultimate victory. We "thank God and take courage."

### Scott Act News.

**DUFFERIN.**—A Convention for this county was held at Orangeville on Tuesday, the 3rd inst, commencing at 10 a.m. There were present a large number of delegates from different parts of the county. The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. Berry. Proceedings were opened by devotional exercises, after which Rev. Mr. Gray was elected Chairman of the Convention, and Mr. J. W. Shaw, Secretary.

F. S. SPENCE, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, briefly sketched the history of the Scott Act, explained its provisions, answered a number of questions in reference to it, and made suggestions as to methods of organization and work.

On motion of Mr. Parsons, seconded by Rev. Mr. Hunter, the delegates from the different municipalities met separately and selected representatives to express the sentiment of their respective localities.

The Convention reassembled at 2 p.m. Reports were made by Revs. Messrs. McDonald, McCullough, Burwash, Strath and Messrs. Allen, West, Loamis, Myers, Ray, Dodds, Kilpatrick, Rands, Fidelii Holmes, Caldwell-Graham, Monroe and others.

Nearly all the speakers were strongly of opinion that public sentiment was ripe for immediate action, and that the Scott Act could be readily carried in the county of Dufferin.

The following resolution was then submitted:

Moved by Mr. E. Myers and seconded by Mr. Caldwell-Graham, "That the Scott Act be submitted in the County of Dufferin, simultaneously with its submission in Peel, Simcoe and other surrounding counties."

By special request Mr. Spence again addressed the meeting, explaining the provisions of the Act and congratulating the county on its enthusiastic convention and encouraging prospects.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

"That this Convention proceed to organize a Scott Act Association for the county of Dufferin, and that the officers comprise a President, Secretary and Treasurer, together with a Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary for each municipality."

On resolution a committee was appointed to nominate the officers indicated.

It was resolved, "That this meeting recommend the organization in every part of the county of a branch of the W. C. T. U. to aid in the forthcoming contest."

The nominating committee submitted the following report:

"That the name of this Association be 'The County of Dufferin Temperance Association'; that the following be the officers of the Association: President, W. H. Hunter, Orangeville; Secretary, E. Myers, Orangeville; Treasurer, John Green, Orangeville. Vice-Presidents. Orangeville, Rev. W. A. Hunter, Amaranth, Tho. West, E. Garafraxa, S. Woolner, Luther, F. S. Holmes, Shelburne, Chas. King, Amaranth, Rev. J. A. McDonald; Mulmur, Rev. Mr. Maust; Mono, Joseph Haddock."

The report was adopted. A finance committee was appointed to consider the question of raising funds to carry on the campaign. The Convention then adjourned, and the executive committee proceeded at once to lay out the work for the local committees.

This Convention altogether was one of the largest, most enthusiastic, and most harmonious that have yet been held.