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## SUSTAINED AGAIN!

**Charlottetown P. E. I. Stands by the Old Flag.**

### THE SCOTT ACT HAS NEVER BEEN REPEALED!

Just as we go to press a telegram is received from Charlottetown, P. E. I., stating that the Scott Act has again been sustained. This is the second repeal that has been tried in Prince Edward Island. The Scott Act was adopted by Charlottetown on April 24th, 1879, and went into operation on May 1st of the following year. The whole Province of Prince Edward Island is under the operation of the Scott Act, and we have in recent numbers of the CANADA CITIZEN given our readers information of the state of affairs, the difficulties in the way of securing enforcement, the apathy and hostility of those who ought to be foremost in enforcing the law, and the energetic efforts of temperance men to supply the lack of official integrity and energy. The anti have been hard at work in effort to secure a repeal vote when it was supposed that the dereliction of officials had brought the Act into temporary disrepute. We are thankful that the vigilance and energy of our many warm temperance workers in Charlottetown, under the leadership of Rev. J. M. MacLeod, have been strong enough to defeat this diabolical scheme and the Scott Act is again sustained, thus enabling us to maintain the statement of which we are so justly proud, that no locality which has once enjoyed the benefit of Scott Act operation has been induced to give them up. The Scott Act has never been repealed, "we thank God and take courage."

### FALSE SWEARING IN HALTON.

#### Danger to the Desperate and Daring Perjurors.

On Thursday of last week Police Magistrate Young held a preliminary investigation in the case of Bennett, of Georgetown, who was charged with perjury in swearing falsely in a case in which he was charged with violation of the Scott Act. Bennett was defended by Mr. Shilton; and Inspector Brothers, who brings the prosecution, was represented by Mr. F. E. Galbeath, of Toronto, who succeeded by sharp cross-examination of unwilling witnesses in bringing out some facts that made Bennett's case look very serious. Bennett had sworn positively to doing nothing in violation of the Canada Temperance Act, but two men admitted under oath having bought liquor from him and paid for it. Another man swore to having purchased liquor from a bar-tender in Bennett's Hotel. The case against Bennett was so clear that Police Magistrate Young committed him for trial, admitting him to bail, however, on two sureties of \$200 each.

### Temperance Union.

For some time past the union of Protestant churches has been the subject of frequent conversation. Now, the union of the various temperance forces is talked of. We heartily approve of both. We see no good reason for division among Protestant churches or temperance workers. No good end is served by it. We intend to speak to the churches after a little on this subject. Just now we want to say to the temperance men of this country, with all the love and earnestness we can command: Make arrangements to unite your temperance forces into one strong, solid phalanx as soon as ever you can. The interests of temperance, the welfare of the country, the success of the cause demands this. Whatever sacrifice of feeling, or sentiment, or self, may be necessary, let them be made, cheerfully made, and let the grand temperance army of this Dominion be united, that it may go forth to battle and to conquest. —The Methodist.

## GOOD WORK IN SIMCOE.

### A Fearless Officer.

LICENSER INSPECTOR CLARK, of Cardwell, is pushing work energetically in his district, although he, like a good many other inspectors, finds fault with some temperance men for not giving him the co-operation they should. He is determined, however, to do his duty. He has had cases adjourned as many as six times through non-attendance of the persons charged; those offenders being simply represented by counsel, and efforts made to worry Mr. Clark in abandoning the prosecution. He simply informs these legal gentlemen that he will not withdraw any action, but push on his work and bring up on warrants the offenders who will not obey summonses. Some of those who find themselves so pressed have recently come forward and paid their fines and costs. Some of those recently fined are Michael Feely, of Ballycroy, and John Kidd, of Athlone, the latter is a licensed druggist. Each of them paid \$50 and costs. Feely's costs amounted to \$32. — William Travis, of Bradford, has been fined \$100 and costs. Threats have been made of assassination and dynamite, but Mr. Clark keeps on the even tenor of his way as if explosives and pistols did not exist. As will be seen from another column of this paper, he has, in the quarter ending October 31st, laid 54 informations and secured 35 convictions; a number of the cases not being yet decided.

### SCOTT ACT CAMPAIGN.

#### Bruce County Alliance and W.C.T.U.

In addition to the above report previously received, there has just come to hand the following from the president of the Bruce county alliance. The anti-repeal campaign was fairly inaugurated in Walkerton on Tuesday, the 15th inst., where both the above bodies met in convention. About 60 members of the W.C.T.U. assembled in the Temperance Hall and were presided over by Mrs. Youmans. A county organization was formed with the following as officers: pres., Mrs. T. Richards, Tarn; vice, all presidents of local unions; rec-sec, Mrs. J. Hamilton, Walkerton; cor-sec, Mrs. Brown, Warton; treas., Mrs. M. McBride, Port Elgin.

Steps were taken to organize branches of the union in several places where there are none, and to introduce the temperance text books into the schools. The Alliance met in Smith's Hall where a number of earnest workers dealt with the importance of circulating suitable literature and a vigorous enforcement of the Scott Act as the best antidote for repeal fever. Arrangements were made for raising \$1,000 to carry on the work, and several pledged \$5 each. A telegram of fraternal greetings was sent to the Oxford association, then in session in Woodstock, which was most cordially reciprocated.

A deputation was appointed to visit the W.C.T.U. convention, conveying our good wishes. The ladies responded by coming over in a body, and through Mrs. Youmans, expressed their determination to work in harmony with the Alliance in every possible way to sustain and enforce the Scott Act. Considerable time was occupied concerning complaints against the delays in bringing on cases after the information has been laid, also securing judgment in some instances until parties are allowed to escape, and the managing committee was instructed to wait on the police magistrate in relation thereto. We were favored with the presence of D. H. Williams, inspector for East Middlesex, who gave valuable counsel and encouragement in the work of enforcement.

At the mass meeting in the evening the hall was packed. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Williams, Mrs. Youmans and Rev. F. E. Nugent. A resolution, expressive of grief on account of the death of J. B. Finch, and recognizing the great work which he was enabled to accomplish, was submitted to the meeting, and carried by a rising vote.

We call upon our friends to fall into line and to roll up the \$1,000. Parties who are willing to give are requested to correspond with the undersigned.  
 J. GARNER.  
 Port Elgin, Nov. 22nd, 1887.

## ONTARIO COUNTY.

### More Offenders Paying Up.

MR. B. McQUAY, of Port Perry, proprietor of the Oriental Hotel, which was supposed to be a temperance house, has been proved guilty of Scott Act violation and fined \$50 and costs. Some cases were also tried at Uxbridge and Port Kirby, bar-tender at Webb's Hotel, was fined \$50 and costs. At a trial at Brooklyn, the same penalty was imposed on a Claremont whiskey-seller.

## THE ENFORCEMENT RECORD

### THREE MONTHS BIG WORK.

The Scott Act a Success—Ninety Hundred and Thirty-nine Convictions—Six Offenders sent to Jail.

MR. J. W. MANNING, Chief Superintendent, department of Scott Act enforcement, has received returns from different Scott Act districts in Ontario for the three months ending October 31st. We are very much pleased to see that these reports show remarkable evidence of increased efficiency in inspectoral work. To make this clear we subjoin a table showing the total amount of work done in the different districts during the period named. In connection with these cases quite a number of offenders have escaped payment of their fines or imprisonment by leaving the country.

Comparing the work done during the past quarter with that done for five preceding quarters we get the following results:—

Quarter ending.	Informations	Convictions
July 31st, 1886	483	289
Oct. 31st "	422	274
Jan. 31st 1887	373	218
April 30th "	810	603
July 31st "	800	596
Oct. 31st "	1474	939

The remarkable increase in convictions for the quarter just ended, which is nearly 400 per cent. on the convictions for the quarter ending January 31st, 1887, is the strongest evidence that the emphatic protests of dissatisfied temperance workers in different districts have been productive of much good.

We regret, however, to learn from these inspector's reports that whereas there were 1,475 cases brought and 939 convictions secured, in only SIX cases were the offenders sent to jail. There is a vast, encouraging improvement in the activity of the inspectors, but there is still, we feel dereliction of duty in the enforcement of the law by the imposition of penalties intended to be laid upon those who violated it.

Subjoined is the detailed list for the different districts and a careful scrutiny of it will convince anyone that there is something still radically wrong with the men who should enforce the law in some districts where it is openly violated, while very few informations are laid against violators.

TABLE OF INFORMATIONS, CONVICTIONS AND FINES IMPOSED DURING QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 31ST, 1887.

District	Informations	Convictions	Fines	Amount
Addington, North	11	10	10	500
" " South	13	10	10	500
Brant, North	11	10	10	500
" " South	13	10	10	500
Brookville and Leeds	31	25	25	1,250
Brno, Centre	31	25	25	1,250
" " North	31	25	25	1,250
" " South	31	25	25	1,250
Cardwell	63	34	34	1,700
Carleton	9	8	8	400
Cornwall	11	10	10	500
Dufferin	11	10	10	500
Dundas	21	18	18	900
Durham, East	21	18	18	900
" " West	11	10	10	500
Elgin, West	6	5	5	250
Frontenac	5	4	4	200
Glengarry	15	14	14	700
Greenville	29	26	26	1,300
Halton	32	28	28	1,400
Huron, East	11	10	10	500
" " South	21	18	18	900
" " West	30	26	26	1,300
Kenilworth	33	24	24	1,200
Kent, East	34	24	24	1,200
" " West	34	24	24	1,200
Lambton, East	11	10	10	500
" " West	22	17	17	850
Lanark, North	3	3	3	150
" " South	18	15	15	750
Lennox	4	4	4	200
Lincold	1	1	1	50
Middlesex, East	19	12	12	600
" " North	34	24	24	1,200
" " West	30	25	25	1,250
Maskoka	16	15	15	750
Norfolk, North	13	10	10	500
" " South	13	10	10	500
Northumberland, East	11	10	10	500
" " West	10	9	9	450
Ontario, North	23	19	19	950
" " South	34	24	24	1,200
Oxford, North	24	15	15	750
" " South	3	3	3	150
Perry Sound	29	26	26	1,300
Peterborough, East	60	47	47	2,350
" " West	3	3	3	150
Renfrew, North	31	27	27	1,350
Russell	6	6	6	300
Simcoe, Centre	31	27	27	1,350
" " East	31	27	27	1,350
" " West	27	18	18	900
Storvont	11	10	10	500
Victoria, East	1	1	1	50
" " West	28	25	25	1,250
Wallington, East	15	10	10	500
" " South	63	42	42	2,100
" " West	27	21	21	1,050
Total	483	349	349	17,450

## STILL AHEAD.

### Middlesex County Keeps At It.

The work goes on in Middlesex County, the violators of the law are still being brought to justice. Among the latest reported convictions made by Police Magistrate Noble are those of Robert Freese, of Kerwood, fined \$50 and costs; George Byers, of Nilestown, fined \$50 and costs; John Banghart, G. B. Roach, and W. Prangley, of Strathroy, each fined \$50 and costs.

## FAST TIME.

### The Shortest on Record.

INSPECTOR McDONALD, of South Renfrew, can put through his work pretty rapidly, when he takes it in hand. A few days ago he got wind of a violation of the Scott Act. He at once proceeded to lay his information, and fearing that the offender might get away, he immediately took out a warrant for his arrest and placed the same in the hands of a constable for execution. The constable executed the warrant, returned with his prisoner, who was arraigned before the police magistrate, pleaded guilty on the spot and was fined \$50 and costs. The fine was paid over to the police magistrate within 40 minutes of the laying of the information.

South Renfrew, as our friends know, is an exceptionally hard district to work in, and the inspector must act promptly if he would make his work successful. Some special constables lately appointed are doing good work, notably our friend Mr. Smallfield, of whom the readers of the CANADA CITIZEN know something.

Mr. McDonald's work, recently, has resulted in five convictions for second offences, the aggregate penalties for which were \$500, and six convictions for first offences, aggregating \$300.

## A LEGAL POINT

### In Favor of the Scott Act.

As an effort is being made in some places to perplex temperance questions with the exploded theories that the Scott Act in any locality could not survive the Dominion Parliament's action in the consolidated statutes, and that it would be difficult to compel county councils to pay their share of Scott Act enforcement expenses, we publish the following judgment recently given by Mr. Justice Armour in the case of the suit of the Norfolk License Commissioners against the Municipal Council of the County of Norfolk:—

"It was admitted that the second part of the Canada Temperance Act, 1878, had been, and but for the Revision of the Statutes, still was in force in the county of Norfolk; and it was contended that having been in force only by votes of the people, and having been repealed by 49 Vic., Chaps. 4 and 6 and appearing in the Revised Statutes in an altered form, it could no longer be held to be in force.

"I have already given my opinion that when the people voted to bring the second part of the Canada Temperance Act of 1878 into force, it became as to them as any other Act which did not require such vote and was so brought into force, subject to any amendment the Legislature might thereafter see fit to make therein. I have also given my opinion that the effect of the Statute 49 Vic., Chap. 4, read with the Interpretation Act, was to preserve the Canada Temperance Act of 1878 in force, in its revised form.

"The Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench Division has also given a like opinion, and I see no reason to depart from it. It was admitted that the Board of License Commissioners comprised the several persons for the North Riding as for the South Riding, and that the Boards were properly constituted.

"The two Electoral Districts of the North and South Ridings of Norfolk comprise the whole county of Norfolk, and no territory outside of that county. The estimates made by the Board, now served upon the Clerk of the Defendant Corporation and the amounts thereof demanded, such estimates having been previously approved by the Provincial Secretary under his own hand, and the prescribed term after such service and demand had elapsed, before suit.

"I have been unable, after a critical examination of the Statutes referred to and bearing on the question, to find any grounds of defence to the suits."  
 "J. D. ARMOUR  
 "Dated Nov. 1st, 1887."

## THEY CANT FOOL HIM

### With Any Bogus Leases.

A short time ago police magistrate Clarke, of East Durham, fined Samuel Crocker and Alonzo Fee, on information laid by Inspector Powers notwithstanding that these offenders swore to having leased their bars to other parties. This action following that of the Guelph police magistrate previously reported ought to go a good ways towards encouraging other magistrates to act promptly in the case of these fraudulent leases. At the same time and place Mr. Clarke convicted John Crocker of a first offence.

## BRUCE COUNTY.

### A GRAND ROUSING CONVENTION.

Officers Criticized Stricter Enforcement Demanded A Big Mass Meeting More Scott Act Fines.

ON Tuesday evening of last week the County of Bruce Temperance Alliance held a convention in Smith's Opera House at Walkerton. Rev. J. Green, of Port Elgin, presiding. There was a good turnout of representatives from different parts of the county and a thorough discussion of the situation. Fault was found with the county License Inspector, and it was also said that too much delay occurred on the Police Magistrate's part in bringing on the trial of offenders. A deputation was appointed to ask for more prompt action.

A great mass meeting was held in the evening addressed by Mrs. L. Youmans and Mr. D. H. Williams, License Inspector for Middlesex. This meeting was very enthusiastic and a good deal of progress was made towards the raising of a thousand dollar fund to push the campaign.

On the afternoon of the same day a county convention of the W.C.T.U. was held in the Temperance Hall. Over fifty delegates were present.

The women are thoroughly alive and earnestly at work.

While all this temperance work was going on Police Magistrate Vanstone was holding a Scott Act court. John Decker, of Paisley, and D. McLure were each fined \$100 and costs, and John Caley, of Lovatt, was fined \$50 and costs.

### He Could Not Reach the Brake.

THERE is an old story of a California stage driver who dreamed of a journey down the mountain side under perilous conditions. In his dream he descended from the top of the mountain, with a crack of his whip and a shout to his horses, and the stage rolled grandly along the gently declining road. Soon the descent became steeper, and the horses were dashing along on the full gallop, but the driver, confident of his power to check them when the necessity should come, still cracked his whip and urged them onward. The stage was now going at a fearful rate, and the passengers became affrighted; but the driver only grasped his lines more firmly, and pulled steadily upon them. At length he could no longer disregard the danger from the headlong speed at which he was driving and he reached forward to place his foot upon the brake, when he found that it was beyond his reach. To loosen his hold upon the lines would be to give up all control over his frightened horses, and he made another and a more determined effort to reach the brake, but the brake was beyond his reach. Faster and faster went the stage down the steep road, and more frantic became the efforts of the driver to stop it, but the brake was beyond his reach. Just below there was a sudden turn in the narrow road. Upon one side was the solid wall of the mountain height, upon the other a fearful precipice. To pass that at the speed at which he was going would be to court instant death. Once more the driver gathered all his energies together for one last frenzied effort to check the speed of the flying stage, but alas! it was of no use. He could not reach the brake.

Who has not known men who were on the down grade of intemperance, and who could not reach the brake whose destinies were freighted with the lives of near and dear friends, whom they are bearing down to lives of misery and disgrace, but who could not reach the brake—who saw wealth, honor, love, happiness being left behind them in their flying descent, but who could not reach the brake—who saw before them the yawning abyss of eternal death for themselves and their children, but still they could not reach the brake—*Er Chang.*

### A Coming Meeting.

THE York County District Convention will meet at Scarborough Junction, at 10 a.m., on December 6th. It is expected that interesting business will be transacted. A great mass meeting will be held in the evening, at which distinguished gentlemen are expected to meet.