

Campaign Everywhere.

MIDDLESEX.—This county has proved herself the banner county of the Dominion,—the Waterloo of the liquor men,—in the splendid majority rolled up for the Scott Act. The official returns have not yet been received, but enough is known of the result to place the majority figure at 3,400. Such a result was far beyond the most sanguine hopes of our leading temperance men.

HALDIMAND.—The campaign in this county is fairly under way. Messrs. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance; and J. B. Nixon, Grand Treasurer of the I. O. G. T., have lately visited the southern part of the county and done effective work for the cause. Organization is being rapidly pushed to completion in every part of the county. The vote will be taken on the 16th of July, and it is confidently expected that a good majority will be recorded in favor of the Act.

SIMCOE.—Mr. A. Lang of Barrie, writes as follows.—Our Scott Act has made a wonderful improvement in our town, and the county in general, in the scale of sober respectability. People now leave the market as sober and respectable as if they were leaving church, and if this state of things should continue for all time to come, it will well repay the county for all the trouble and expense it has cost. During the month it has been in force, we have not had one committal for drunkenness; and the habitual drunks of our town now help to fill up the ranks of the industrious and respectable.

KINGSTON.—The temperance men met on Monday evening, and after deciding to pass several accounts incurred during the recent contest, it was claimed that no less than 46 bad votes were cast, and that twenty men voted twice. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to prosecute every man who voted twice, as the names are known, unless the anti-Scott Act men hand over \$200 in each instance. The law points out that any man who votes twice shall be fined \$200 and imprisoned for six months, and that money goes to the prosecutor. By this means the temperance men expect to reap some \$4,000. They say they will go on with proceedings sure unless the money is handed over. The announcement has created great excitement.—*Mail*.

MANITOBA.—In the address from the Methodist Conference to the people of Manitoba, the following paragraph occurs:—

"Many good men feel that the time has come when allegiance to old political parties should be shaken off. The word 'turncoat' must be redeemed from the traditional reproach that has been associated with it. Good men must learn to vote with one party now and with another at another time, according as the moral questions involve may indicate. Prohibition is now one of the most prominent political questions before the public. It is also a vital question. Wise and good men in Canada feel that the time has come when all other party alliances should be broken, that a new, and pure, and strong party may arise, in which sincere men who believe in national prohibition may unite and work together to secure such legislation as is due to the temperance cause. Nothing less than this will lead the professional politician regard temperance people as worthy of anything but contempt. So long as they can be regarded as sure for either of the old parties their temperance principles will carry no weight."

LINCOLN.—The following is the list of majorities polled at the Scott Act election in this county:—

	Majorities for and against.	
Beamsville.....	52	..
North Grimsby.....	47	..
Louth.....	16	..
Niagara township.....	3	..
Clifton.....	132	..
Gainsboro.....	202	..
South Grimsby.....	109	..
Caistor.....	141	..
Grantham.....	..	31
Morriton.....	..	57
Port Dalhousie.....	..	21
Niagara town.....	..	74

Majority for the Act..... 569.

BRUCE.—The following paragraph, clipped from the *Reporter*, shows how effectually the Scott Act is working in this county:—

"The writer visited Port Elgin last week, driving by the way of Tiverton, Underwood and the Devil's Elbow. All along the line the report was heard that no liquor could be purchased at any of the hotels. In Port Elgin a personal visit to several hotels leads us to firmly believe that the Scott Act has shut off all bar-room drinking and has lessened the consumption of spirituous liquors by at least 90 per cent. In conversation with a number of reeves and deputy-reeves at the county council, it is even admitted by those who opposed the passage of the Act that much good has been accomplished since the first of May, and that were the same to be submitted to a vote of the people now that the Act would be sustained by twice 1311—the majority given."

The perpetrators of the diabolical crime of burning the property of one of Bruce's most respected citizens, Mr. Joseph Barker, have not yet been brought to justice. The County Council, have offered a reward of \$300 for the conviction of the guilty parties, and are determined to investigate the matter to the fullest.

On Friday last Messrs. Farquharson & Messner were summoned to appear before Justices Gibson and Law at Walkerton, for an infraction of the Scott Act, on the complaint of Mr. Heffernan. The witnesses summoned against Farquharson were asked if they had been on the premises on the 17th of May last. Mr. O'Connor, counsel for defendant, objected to the question on the ground that a previous trial had been held, and the finding of the court was that no infraction of the law had taken place, and consequently his client could not be tried twice for the same offence. Mr. Klein, counsel for Heffernan, contended that as these men were not examined before they were fresh cases, and their evidence should be heard. The court sustained O'Connor's objection and after two or three witnesses were examined the case was withdrawn. Messner pleading guilty to having sold beer, he was fined \$35.—*Bruce Telescope*.

YORK.—A convention of Scott Act workers for this county was held in Aurora on Wednesday afternoon last, presided over by Mr. J. Milne, of Agincourt, president of the County Scott Act Association. A large number of delegates were present from different parts of the county. At an early stage of the proceedings the Executive having been in office more than a year, a new election took place, by ballot, with the following result:—President, J. Milne; 1st Vice-President, Rev. Mr. Totten, Markham; Secretary, Dr. Crowle, Markham; Treasurer, Mr. Deane, Aurora; Executive, D. Stouffer, Stouffville; H. B. Reesor, Wm. Speight, Wm. Walter, and Rev. F. Smith, of Markham. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered J. H. Sanderson, Richmond Hill, for his past services as Secretary. The reports from the different sections showed that the petitions had over 1800 signatures, with several of the principal places to hear from yet, the number required being about 3000. It was decided that the Executive should employ a suitable agent and at once proceed to complete the petitions previous to the next convention, which will be held second week in August, at Richmond Hill.

In the evening a mass meeting was held in the Town Hall. The building was crowded. Rev. Mr. Totten occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Mr. Wm. Burgess, and Rev. C. O. Johnston. The Aurora Silver Band was present and entertained the audience. The ladies turned out in grand style and provided a tea for the delegates attending the convention in the afternoon. The whole proceedings gave promise of a most earnest effort to bring the Act into operation in the county of York.

RENFREW.—Mr. T. W. Kenny, President of the Arnprior Branch of the County Alliance, was last week the recipient of the following:—

"ARNPRIOR, June 11, 1885.

"Kenny, if you don't mind your own business and leave the Scott Act alone, you will be interred in Arnprior very soon. Your days will be few. So look out you — Old Scoundrel."

We understand that in Renfrew also there has been some loud talking in regard to what will be done to those who are concerned in enforcing the Scott Act. The people who feel aggrieved at seeing the law enforced, however, will probably find it the best plan to bottle their excitement and threats. It will be considerably safer, and less likely to cause them trouble. They will probably find that the majority of temperance workers are very much like Mr. Kenny—"they might be coaxed, but they can't be frightened."

We only had room last week for a short paragraph, announcing that Mr. E. Kelly, of the Exchange Hotel, Renfrew, had been fined \$126.60 for infractions of the Scott Act. Four cases against him had been called for Friday, but on Thursday he pleaded guilty to two of the charges—those of selling on the 6th and 8th of June,—and the Inspector decided to drop the other two cases.

The twice adjourned cases against A. McPhee and D. Dowling, hotel-keepers of Arnprior, came off on Tuesday before George Craig, Esq., J. P., of Arnprior, and George Eady, Jr., J. P., of Renfrew—(who had been requested to act in the place of R. Dulmage, Esq., Reeve, absent at the County Council.) The case against Dowling, an infraction of the Canada Temperance Act—occupied from 10 a.m. till after 4 p.m. Seven witnesses were examined. All but one, Michael Galvin, were possessed of very forgetful memories. He swore that they had obtained some liquor, for ginger beer, which contained some intoxicant. Another witness, Wm. Allan, at first swore that he had not been in Dowling's place in the month of May, either alone or in company with the witnesses. But as soon as another witness was sworn, Allan came back into the box, and admitted that he had been in Dowling's and obtained something which he thought contained liquor. The Magistrates thought enough had been made out to put the defendant on his oath, to disprove these witnesses. The defendant refused to be examined, and thus tacitly admitting the charge, was fined \$50 and costs. Thomas Deacon, Q.C., appeared for the prosecution, and James Dowdall, of Almonte, for the defence. The latter spent about an hour in endeavouring to frighten the magistrates out of trying the cases, because they were officers of either the County or Local Alliance. He also endeavored to make out that the Scott Act was repealed by the McCarthy Act, and then set to work to prove that the McCarthy Act was *ultra vires*. As a consequence he would leave the country without any legal measures for the suppression of the liquor traffic. When the case against McPhee came up, the defendant had left the court room. His counsel submitted that if the prosecution would change the indictment from an infraction of the Scott Act to an infraction of the McCarthy Act, McPhee would plead guilty. This was agreed to, and he was fined \$20 and costs.—*Renfrew Mercury*.

TORONTO.—A meeting of the electors of St. Stephen's Ward was held Monday evening in Crocker's Hall, Mr. Christie, late of the county of Halton, occupying the chair. After a selection by the Wesley church choir, Mr. Christie gave some practical observations as to working of the Scott Act in Halton, claiming that not only was business better in that county since the adoption of the Scott Act, but that socially, morally, and physically the people were better. Mr. St.