

The Campaign Everywhere.

HASTINGS.—The South Hastings Executive Committee held an informal meeting in the *Patriot* Office last Saturday afternoon. A large number of petitions were numbered, and other necessary work done to get them ready for filing.

The City Executive met Tuesday evening last at the same place, and arranged meetings with the various Ward Committees of the city. As soon as these sub-committees are organized, the campaign will commence in deep earnest.—*Patriot*.

HALDIMAND.—The petitions for this county will be deposited in the Sheriff's office at Hagersville, on the 20th inst. A large number of names above the percentage of signatures required by law has been obtained. Messrs. A. Grant and S. W. Howard are the efficient president and sec.-treasurer of the County Association. The work is going on very rapidly, as will be noticed from the unprecedentedly short time in which their petitions have been prepared. There is no doubt but Haldimand will carry the Scott Act by a large majority.

RENFREW.—Mr. U. H. McKimm, Chief License Inspector, did quite a good day's work recently. He had to pay an official visit to Admaston to inspect the premises of B. Shanahan, applicant for a license under the Scott Act. He came down from Pembroke by the 9.24 train, and shortly afterwards left for Shamrock. He was back in time to catch the 3.18 up train; and besides inspecting Shanahan's had secured evidence of illegal sale of liquor by Mrs. Gorman, of Shamrock, and John Carty, of Mt. St. Patrick, on which the former was fined \$35 and costs, and the latter \$40 and costs. Not a bad day's work, certainly!—*Renfrew Mercury*.

ONTARIO.—To overcome what might have been construed into a technical objection, and to make "assurance doubly sure," the Scott Act petitions for this county are being re-advertised, and on the 25th of this month will be re-deposited in the Office of the "Registrar of Deeds" for the county. The official notice of the deposit can be read in our advertising columns. In the meantime the friends of the movement are organizing closely in every section of the county, determined that no effort will be spared to make Ontario County the banner county of the Province.—*Whitby Chronicle*.

ST. THOMAS.—The Anti-Scotts in St. Thomas have asked for a scrutiny of votes in the Scott Act Election. The question was argued before Judge Hughes on Friday, by Colin McDougal and T. W. Crothers. A w. ten, lengthy judgment was rendered. His Honor, after quoting a large number of precedents, closed as follows: "I think it my duty to order and determine that the scrutineer votes before me shall be confined to the inspecting of the ballot papers and hearing such evidence as may be necessary, or incidental, or pertinent to that proceeding, and to the determining whether the majority of votes given was, or was not in favor of the petition." The recount of the ballots will take place on Thursday the 9th of April at the Court House, St. Thomas.—*Aylmer Express*.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.—The hotel-keepers in parts of Northumberland and Durham seem to be taking a common sense view of the situation in which the recent adoption of the Scott Act places them, and are arranging for continuing as temperance houses as soon as the law goes into operation; indeed some of them it is intimated, will anticipate that event by several months, and they do not expect to lose anything by it either. If the disposition exists where the Act is adopted, as apparently it does in these cases, to accommodate themselves to their altered circumstances, such hotels as are actually required by the travelling public can do quite as profitable a business as at present, and a much more respectable one.—*Whitby Chronicle*.

ST. JOHN COUNTY, N.B.—At a citizen's meeting, in Union Hall, town of Portland, the Rev. L. G. Stevens, Vicar of St. Luke's Church, said that the Catholics were not a whit behind the Pro-

testants in this effort to suppress the liquor traffic, but they should all work together. Mr. Stevens said, "If the Scott Act is once adopted, I believe that the church, with a united and courageous front, must, to a large degree, see to it that the law is enforced. Let each church furnish a good-sized committee of tried and trusted men, who will lend their aid in enforcing the law, and we shall have less trickery and less farce in the execution thereof. If our city and county vote no license, the temperance people, if well organized, can, by their vigilance, make the Scott Act virtually take the place and do the work of prohibition. If the Scott Act can for any reasonable length of time become a well executed law throughout the Dominion, it will be a long step toward constitutional prohibition. At this critical time there is need of our being united, tolerant, sagacious and courageous."—*War Notes*.

ST. STEPHENS, N.B.—For some months the ladies of the W.C. T.U., have been considering the establishment of a Coffee House in St. Stephen, and it seems now as though the scheme would meet with success. Two very important points under consideration have been—suitable rooms in a central locality, and a suitable person to take charge of them. There have been difficulties in connection with these points, but they can now be overcome, and the next want is funds wherewith to begin operations. This want can be supplied by the generosity of the public, and we commend it as an opening for practical temperance work. An appeal will shortly be made for a sum sufficient to establish the enterprise on a sound basis, and we trust it will meet with a hearty response from our people. Coffee rooms have been started in St. John, Moncton and other localities with the best results, and there is a necessity for such a place here. Too often the liquor shops receive patronage simply because there is no other place at which people can get refreshment. The invitations and influences to drink intoxicants are so many and varied that too many counteracting influences cannot be established. A coffee room would be a boon to many of the people in the surrounding country, providing a place where they could procure a substantial lunch and refreshment at moderate cost. We sincerely hope our people will be awake to the many advantages to arise from this establishment, and will respond to the appeal of the ladies with such substantial aid as will warrant them in opening it at once.—*The Signal*.

CHATEAUQUAY, QUE.—The meeting held at Howick on Thursday, March 26th, in the interests of the Scott Act was very largely attended. Prominent among those present were Revs. McKerracher, Morrison, Lucas, McBain, Ryan and Turnbull; Messrs. James Sangster, Jno. Younie, Edw. Hooker, Wm. Eliot, Thos. Gibbin, Robt. Ness, R. Robinson, T. Craik, Wm. McNaughton, M. Orr, W. Carmichael, W. Sinton, Geo. Winters, Robt. Mills, A. Ogilvie, J. W. Sadlier, Jas. Elliot, Alex. Sadlier, Edw. Sadlier, Wm. Orr.

Rev. McKerracher was appointed chairman, and Mr. Morrison, Secretary.

A list of the several parishes constituting the county was made out, but a number of them had no representatives present, notably, St. Urbain, St. Philomen, and St. Antoine. The other three parishes, viz., Chateauquay, St. Malachi and St. Martin were very well represented, although the bulk of the meeting represented St. Malachi Parish.

Rev. D. V. Lucas, Secretary of the Quebec Alliance, in an able address thoroughly explained the provisions of the Scott Act, and urged the meeting to take immediate steps towards submitting it to the electors. Able addresses in favor of the Act were also delivered by some of the leading men of the county.

The secretary, Mr. Morrison, moved the following resolution, seconded by Rev. Mr. McBain:—

"In view of the terrible evils resulting from the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and believing that the Canada Temperance Act of 1878, to be the best legislative measure within our reach to stem this tide of evil, be it therefore resolved that this Convention take immediate steps for the submission of the Scott Act to the electors of the county of Chateauquay."

This resolution was unanimously passed at a mass meeting in the evening. The convention was an undoubted success. Much enthusiasm was evinced throughout the whole proceedings, and we have every reason to believe that Chateauquay will carry the Scott Act when submitted.