

PETERBOROUGH.—On Monday of last week a meeting of temperance workers was held in Bradburn's Opera House, to make arrangements for the mass meeting to be held on the same evening.

In the evening at eight o'clock, the hall was well filled with people. The Rev. B. B. Keefer, General Agent of the Dominion Alliance, and Dr. Fife, who had been appointed by the meeting in the afternoon to be chairman of the evening meeting, took seats upon the platform.

Dr. Fife explained that the meeting had been called for considering the advisability of submitting the Scott Act in the Town and County of Peterborough. He invited the following gentlemen to take seats on the platform:—The Rev. Messrs. E. F. Torrance, A. Bell, T. Manning, of Peterborough, the Rev. F. McAmmond, of Ashburnham, and the Hon. Senator Vidal, President of the Dominion Alliance.

The Rev. Mr. Keefer after being introduced to the audience, delivered a most effective address, in which he explained the provisions of the Scott Act, and showed its superiority over the old Dunkin Act. He was listened to most attentively to the end of his eloquent discourse by the appreciative audience.

Hon. Senator Vidal also addressed the meeting briefly, giving good advice for the carrying on of the campaign.

The following resolution was then put to the meeting, and enthusiastically carried:—

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Torrance, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Manning—"That this meeting has learned with pleasure of the labors of the Dominion Alliance to secure the adoption of the Scott Act in the various counties of the several provinces, and also expresses its hearty sympathy with the efforts of the Alliance to secure the passage of a law prohibiting the importation, manufacture, and sale of intoxicating liquors as beverages in the Dominion."

It was moved by Rev. Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. J. D. Flavelle and carried:—"That having listened to the exposition of the Scott Act, and having learned of its very general adoption and successful operation where tried, it is the judgment of this meeting that steps should be taken immediately to secure the submission of this measure to the electors of the town and county of Peterborough."

The Rev. Mr. McAmmond moved, seconded by Mr. J. Kennedy, "That a convention of temperance workers from all parts of the county be called at the earliest possible date, to meet in the town of Peterborough, to complete the work of the county organization, and that the following gentlemen be a committee, with power to add to their numbers, to take the necessary steps to call the convention: Messrs. George A. Cox, James Stratton, D. W. Dumble, Dr. Fife, Jas. Kendry, W. A. Morrow, and His Lordship Bishop Jamot, and his clergy, and that the clergy of the various denominations in the town be *ex officio* members of the committee."—Carried.

In accordance with this action a call has been issued summoning a convention to be held in Peterboro' on March 4th.

TORONTO.—Last Sunday was set apart by the Church of England Temperance Society for temperance sermons in the various Anglican churches throughout this diocese. Appropriate sermons were preached in the various churches of that denomination in this city, and special collections were taken up in aid of the society.

The interest in the five cent concerts provided by the West End Christian Temperance Society seems unabated. On Sunday night Occident Hall was fairly packed. The usually excellent programme was well rendered. The Sunday afternoon experience meeting was also very successful. Mr. A. Farley occupied the chair. A number of stirring addresses were delivered by earnest temperance workers.

The Temperance Reformation Society's Hall was crowded to the doors at the free concert of the society on Saturday night. Mr. I. Wardell, president of the society, presided. A splendid programme was provided and carried out in a most successful manner. At the close, 19 persons signed the pledge. At the Sabbath afternoon meeting, President Wardell again occupied the chair. After devotional services by the chaplain the meeting was addressed by Messrs. Jackman, George Flint, and Mr. H. B. Bellamy, of Belleville, after which a large number signed the pledge. Ex-Ald. Moore is expected to address the meeting next Sabbath.

NEW ORLEANS.—The National Temperance Society has completed arrangements for mass temperance meetings in Music Hall, Exposition Building, Thursday and Friday, March 12 and 13, to be addressed by Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler, of Brooklyn; Geo. W. Bain, Esq., of Kentucky; Gen. C. B. Fisk, Rev. C. H. Mead, J. N. Stearns, of New York, and others. These are among the ablest speakers in the nation, and the friends of temperance throughout the country should appear in New Orleans at this time in large numbers. The meetings in the Exposition Building will be held during the day, and at night in the various churches in the city. A week of meetings is in contemplation in and around the city.

"FLORIDA CHAUTAUQUA."—The National Temperance Society will hold a two-days meeting, March 3rd and 4th, on the new "Florida Chautauqua" grounds at Lake de Funiak, Florida, when addresses may be expected from George W. Bain, Esq., the Silver-Tongued Orator of Kentucky; General Clinton B. Fisk, of New Jersey; Rev. C. H. Mead and J. N. Stearns, of New York; Rev. W. W. Hicks, of Florida, and others. This new assembly ground has recently been secured in a most delightful part of Florida, and comfortably fitted up for a Southern resort, where a month of meetings can be held similar to those at Chautauqua in the North. Let the friends of temperance rally at these meetings and make them worthy of the cause which they represent.

PORTLAND, ME.—There seems to be a difficulty with the bosses in selecting a person to be run for Mayor of Portland. The requirements are various and conflicting, but for all that, there are plenty of people who will "fill the bill." He must be a person of good character; he must know how to read and write; he must be amenable to advice and discipline by the bosses; above all he must be a person who can be relied upon to disregard his official oath, or in plain English, to perjure himself in the interests of the grog-shops. The bosses do not give it that ugly name; they call it conservatism, that is a better phrase than perjury, but is not that really what it is?

The Mayor makes oaths that he will obey the Constitution and the Laws. The former declares that the liquor traffic shall be suppressed; the latter says the Mayor shall be vigilant and active in that work. The bosses want a man for Mayor who'll thrust his tongue into his cheek, when reminded that his official oath requires him to be active, honest, faithful and vigilant in suppressing the grog-shops.

The temperance men constituting three-fourths of the Republican party, have clung to it tenaciously though they have been treated by the bosses, uniformly, with contempt and insult. All this they have borne patiently, as long as they had the smallest hope of accomplishing the overthrow of the grog-shops by the help of that party. They have no longer any hope of that, and have once for all, made up their minds to abandon the party and create a new one, or to form, if they can, an honorable alliance with some other party, whereby they may accomplish their desire.

A number of prohibitionists met last evening in Reform Club hall for the purpose of nominating a candidate for mayor for the ensuing year. Rev. S. F. Pearson was elected chairman. A free discussion of the temperance situation and prospects followed. A committee was then appointed, with Mr. I. H. McDonald, chairman, to present the name of a candidate for mayor and also report another committee to present the names of aldermen, councilmen and ward officers at a future meeting. After a short consultation the committee reported the name of Mr. Augustus F. Fox for mayor. The report was unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned to meet next Wednesday evening.

Mr. Cox, the nominee of the convention, is well and favorably known in Portland as a large and successful shoe manufacturer and dealer, honest and faithful in all his trusts, and an uncompromising foe to rum and the liquor traffic. He will be a strong temperance candidate, and, if elected will fearlessly enforce prohibition.

IRELAND.—A conference of delegates from the various temperance societies and organizations throughout Ireland was held in the Irish Temperance League Buildings, Lombard Street, Belfast, on Monday, 12th January. The invitations to the Conference were issued by the Irish Temperance League. The chair was taken by Mr. M. R. Dalway, D.L., president of the League, and there was a