

Campaign News.

ESSEX.—It is asserted by a prominent liquor dealer in Windsor that the Licensed Victuallers' Association will spend \$10,000 to defeat the Scott Prohibitory Act in Essex county. The association has some of the best speakers in the country under service, and if leave is granted for a popular vote on the Act it will bring out several of these able advocates and organise meetings in every town and settlement in the county. The liquor men have the biggest bank account and can make a more aggressive fight than the temperance people, but they are not so enthusiastic. The supporters of the prohibition are in the lead among the farmers, and if money could be kept out of the campaign they would carry the day.

Scott Act picnics are popular in some country districts.—*Aylmer Express.*

HURON.—A Scott Act picnic was held at Winthrop on the 19th inst., on the grounds of Mr. John Kerr, where a sumptuous dinner was served at noon, and full justice was done to it by the keen harvest-appetites of the temperance farmers of Huron county. After the meal was over an immense crowd gathered around the speakers' platform, on which was a large number of Scott Act workers, among whom were Mr. D. D. Wilson, President of the County Scott Act Association; Rev. P. Musgrove, Rev. A. McNaughton, Dr. Smith, Mr. R. Turnbull, Mr. J. Morrison, Rev. A. Smith, and Rev. J. Gray. The chairman called the meeting to order, and after an opening piece of music by the choir, introduced the different speakers, who delivered stirring addresses, interspersed with choice musical selections. The speakers were Mr. T. McGillicuddy, of Goderich; Rev. Thos. Campbell, of Goderich; Mr. John McMillan, ex-M. P., and Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance. During the speaking, rain began to fall, and before the meeting ended came down very heavily, but the enthusiastic audience insisted upon hearing the addresses, and hung on eagerly till the close. Another meeting was held at night in the Presbyterian church, and was addressed by Mr. Spence and others. The feeling in favor of the Scott Act is very strong in this county. The success in Halton has been very encouraging to the workers here.—*Globe.*

GUELPH.—The Scott Act campaign in this city is fairly inaugurated. On Monday evening, the 22nd inst., there was held an immense mass meeting in the Drill Shed. This great building was packed to the doors, a large number being unable to find seats. On the platform were nearly all the ministers of the city, and a large number of prominent business and professional men. The chair was occupied by Rev. W. S. Griffin, and the proceedings were enlivened with the martial songs of the Salvation Army, whose members were present in full force. After a short address by Mr. Wm. Munns, of Toronto, the chairman introduced Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, as the speaker of the evening, and the vast audience listened with unbounded enthusiasm and earnestness to his clear exposition of the Scott Act, and his strong appeals in its favor, for nearly two hours. After a vote of thanks to the speaker, the meeting was formally closed, and the chairman invited all interested deeply in the carrying of the Scott Act to remain for some practical work. After a large proportion of the audience had retired there still remained about one thousand, mostly electors. The plan of the campaign was explained, and the necessity urged for funds to carry on the work. A subscription book was immediately opened and a large amount of money pledged. After some other informal business the meeting adjourned, the chairmen of different ward committees remaining to consult with Mr. Spence in reference to the details of the canvassing work. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held in this city, and argues well for the coming contest.

HALTON.—The following is the vote polled on the 9th instant for and against the repeal of the Scott Act in Halton. Our readers will see that the vote was a very large one. In 1881, at the first vote, there was polled 1,483 for the Act, and 1,402 against it, making a total of 2,885. On the 9th inst. the vote was:—For the repeal, 1,767; against the repeal, 1,947, making a total of 3,714 votes, an increase on the vote of 1881 of 829. The increase in the vote of

the 9th for the Scott Act, as against the vote for it in 1881, was 464.

The increase in the vote against the Act, as compared with 1881, was 365.

The exact majority against the repeal is 180.

FULL RETURNS OF POLLING.

	For Petition.	Against Petition.
Esquesing.....	469	380
Trafalgar.....	353	448
Nelson.....	222	329
Nassagaweya.....	159	283
Oakville.....	161	109
Milton.....	136	68
Georgetown.....	133	116
Acton.....	61	101
Burlington.....	73	113
Totals.....	1,767	1,947
Majority.....		180

against the repeal. Besides spoiled and rejected ballots, 46. The largest vote ever polled in this county was in the last election for the Local Legislature, when 3,859 votes were cast. The vote of the 9th was much larger than the vote given at the last election for the Dominion Parliament.—*Globe.*

RENFREW.—The friends of the Scott Act have made things lively in this county during the week. A county convention and picnic was held at Renfrew on Tuesday. Representatives from various parts of the county assembled about 10 a.m. The secretary reported that the petition was completed and ready for transmission to Ottawa. It contained 2,008 signatures, 1,500 being the number required by the Act. Reports showed that in some townships a very large majority were in favor of the Act. One place had given 90 per cent. of the electors as signatures to the petition. The picnic was held on the Agricultural Grounds under the auspices of the Renfrew Division, Sons of Temperance. Mr. G. W. McDonald, W.P., presided, and read letters from the Rev. Father Marion, Rev. P. Rougier, and Robt. Campbell, Esq., M.P., all regretting unavoidable absence, and expressing strong sympathy with the movement. The speakers were the Revs. C. McKillop, Jas. Lawson, Dr. Campbell, Walker, Short, Mr. Jas. Findlay, ex-M.P., and Mr. W. Burgess, of Toronto, who gave a lengthy exposition of the Act.

On Wednesday, Mr. Burgess delivered a lecture at Pembroke. The court house was crowded with the elite of the town. The Mayor presided. Mr. Burgess replied to a string of resolutions recently adopted at an anti-Scott Act meeting held here, and at the close of his address Mr. Jas. Findlay in a short and able speech proposed the following resolution which was seconded by John Rowan and carried with only one dissentient:

"That this meeting is of opinion that the time has come when public sentiment and the claims of humanity demand that every effort should be made to pass the Scott Act in this county as an earnest of the final triumph of prohibition in this Dominion."

In speaking to a vote of thanks to the lecturer, Mr. Thos. Deacon, a prominent citizen and a leading lawyer, said that he regarded the arguments of the anti-Scott party as extremely silly. If they would come out boldly and admit that they were solely influenced by selfish motives everybody would believe them. They may as well put their house in order and prepare for the inevitable downfall of the liquor trade.

At Egansville, on Thursday, Mr. Burgess had to face a rather rowdy element, but eventually he got order and attention, and great interest was manifested in the address. Dr. Dowling was among the audience.

At Arnprior a collision took place between the Scott Act party and a travelling minstrel troupe engaged under the auspices of the local band. A well-known resident, Mr. Kenny, rented the Town Hall for Friday night paying the rent, and advertised a Scott Act meeting. Meantime the troupe announced for the same place during the whole week, and having obtained possession of the hall on Monday, rumors were afloat that they would not give it up. Some little excitement arose and bets were offered in the village that the Scott Act party would be beaten. About 7.30, Mr. Kenny and Mr.