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THE FIRST REPEAL.

Halton, Ontario, Goes Back to License.

The long-expected Halton Scott Act contest was fought out yesterday and resulted in a repeal of the Act, which has been in operation nearly six years, by a majority of about 200. The first county that in the province of Ontario came under the operation of the Scott Act has thus returned to the licensing system, and for the first time in its history the Scott Act has been repealed.

It would have been strange had it been otherwise. Our friends in Halton did nobly and well. They fought hard, but they fought against immense odds. Previous elections were under the old franchise system, and under that system the public sentiment of Halton was more fairly represented than at the present time. That this was the case will be seen at once in the fact that the new list contains nearly four hundred names fewer than the number formerly on the roll. This means that an enormous number of votes had been taken off the old list, as a number of new names were added. It was well known at the time of the preparation of these lists that the Anti-Scott Act people busied themselves working with might and main to have the new list made to suit their own ideas, so that it really represents the Anti-Scott sentiment of the county more than the general opinion of the people. From the commencement of the campaign our friends knew that here their weakness lay, and although they did not expect so overwhelming a majority against them they were not unprepared for the victory of their opponents.

The Toronto Globe says of the defeat, "It may be due in slight measure to a few of the Liberals conceiving themselves to have been badly treated by the prohibitionists in the recent general election and by-election. Any change from this cause, however, must have been very small." It is to be regretted that any such idea should influence electors. But, if this supposition is true, it will probably be as well for the temperance that our workers should learn exactly where they stand, and that we should know how many of our friends are temperance men first and party men afterward, and how many of them are party men first and temperance men afterward. We think that the results of the late general election showed that the majority of the prohibitionists of this Province were to be found in the ranks of the Liberal party. This was mainly because the Liberal party was supposed to be more favorable to prohibition than the party of its opponents. If it be true that the Reform party "concocting themselves to have been badly treated by the prohibitionists" was instrumental to any extent in defeating the Scott Act, we are sorry for such evidence of the utter unreasonableness of the partisanship that will lead men to sacrifice patriotism, manliness and principle, permitting a triumph of the accursed liquor system with all its attendant evils, merely to gratify an unworthy feeling of resentment. We sincerely hope that the Globe has made a big mistake. We believe the defeat will not be a permanent injury to our cause. There was in some parts of the Dominion an over-confidence on the part of prohibition workers. They were not sufficiently awake to the sharp tactics of their opponents who have been fighting a steady, staying, determined fight. We may have underestimated the grip that the liquor traffic still has upon the community. A lesson will be learned from this defeat, and it will be the lesson that more persistent vigilance must characterize our further efforts.

Halton did nobly in holding to the Scott Act for six years situated as she was between two licensed counties, easy of access by four different lines of railway, and made the point of attack of all the misrepresentations and corrupt influence that the liquor business of the Dominion could invent or purchase. Her six years of prohibition will ever stand out as a bright spot in her history and a splendid testimony to the true-heartedness of her temperance men. The reverse which she has sustained will be temporary. The Scott

DOMINION ALLIANCE—ONTARIO BRANCH.

CONVENTION CALL 1888.

19-21 RICHMOND STREET EAST, TORONTO,

MARCH, 1888.

TO ALL WHO FAVOR OUR CAUSE.

The Annual Convention for 1888 of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, for the suppression of the Liquor Traffic, will be held in the Temperance Hall, Temperance Street, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20th and 21st, commencing on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m.

It is expected that this meeting will be unusually large and interesting. Arrangements have been made to secure the co-operation of all classes of temperance workers, and discussions upon the different questions connected with the prohibitory movement will be initiated by prominent gentlemen of ability and experience.

There will be three sessions of the Convention each day, all of which will be open to the public, but only members and delegates will be expected to take part in the discussions and voting. The public are cordially invited to attend.

This circular is sent to all temperance societies, to church organizations, and to known temperance workers. The bodies named are earnestly requested to elect delegates to the Convention, and all who desire to aid the great prohibition movement are invited to become Alliance members. Cards entitling members and delegates to the privileges of the Convention may be secured by application to the Secretary.

Members and friends of the Alliance in other provinces are cordially invited to attend, and will be accorded full privileges in all discussions, etc., as visiting members.

REDUCED FARES.

All the principal railways have agreed to issue return tickets to parties attending the Convention for ONE FIRST-CLASS FARE AND A THIRD. To secure this reduction, parties purposing attending the Convention must procure certificates to that effect, signed by the Secretary of the Alliance, and present them at the commencement of their journey. These tickets will be issued from March 17th to 20th, and will be good to return up to March 23rd. The necessary certificates will be promptly furnished by the Secretary to parties applying for them and entitled to receive them.

The Alliance, as an organization, is not in any sense in competition with any other organization. It is simply the Legislative Committee of the various temperance societies and workers. It is composed of members and delegates. Any temperance or church organization that contributes annually one dollar or upwards to the funds of the Alliance is considered a branch, and has a right to send to the Convention one delegate for every dollar so contributed. In addition to the delegates so constituted, any temperance worker approving of the objects of the Alliance may become a member by paying one dollar or more. All members contributing one dollar and a half or more, are entitled to receive free THE CANADA CITIZEN, the organ of the Alliance.

Delegates and other members may, upon application to the Secretary, obtain certificates entitling them to reduced rates of travel to attend the Alliance Conventions; they have all equal privileges of speaking and voting at the Convention. The Alliance funds are used solely for the furtherance of Scott Act and other prohibitory work. The money is carefully expended for this purpose, and although the Alliance operations have been somewhat restricted for want of money, much has been accomplished. Those in sympathy with the prohibition movement are earnestly requested to contribute as liberally as their circumstances will permit.

Friends are earnestly requested to give this announcement as wide a circulation as possible. Ministers will oblige by calling the attention of their congregations to it, and officers of Temperance Societies by laying it before their respective organizations. To this grand Canadian Prohibition Parliament we cordially invite every well-wisher of the great Temperance Reform.

W. H. HOWLAND, President.
F. S. SPENCE, Secretary.

The Westmoreland Victory.

Majority, 766.

From every part of the country come tidings of the gladness with which was hailed the news of Westmoreland's great victory—a victory that more than any other yet achieved overwhelmingly demonstrates the steady, persistent growth of right moral public sentiment.

One of the most encouraging features of the contest was the magnificent vote polled by the town of Moncton. A majority of nearly 400 in favor of the Scott Act two to one of all the votes polled in a large railroad centre is a fact full of encouragement. Another fact of a similar character is to be found in the vote polled in the whole county. In the last attempted repeal the vote stood:

For the Scott Act 1,774
Against the Scott Act 1,701

Majority for the Scott Act 73

This has been increased in the present instance to the following—

For the Scott Act 2,464
Against the Scott Act 1,698

Majority for the Scott Act 766

These are the official figures. Referring to the campaign, the Temperance Journal, published at Fredericton, says—

"Another important lesson to temperance men in this victory is the fact that much of this majority may be ascribed to the efforts of successful efforts—that have lately been going on in Westmoreland to see the Act enforced. In proportion as the Act is violated and the parties allowed to go unmolested, will the public lose confidence in the law. We hope it will be a lesson to the people of Fredericton to see that all violators are summarily dealt with and every attempt to thwart justice frustrated."

Full details of the vote as polled in the different parishes of the county are as follows:—

Moncton (town)	204	599
Moncton (parish)	204	332
Dorchester (parish)	459	252
Sackville "	178	478
Shediac "	352	112
Salisbury "	79	303
Westmoreland "	65	250
Beaufort "	157	134
Grand Total	1,698	2,464

We "Thank God and take courage"

Toronto Items.

The Horticultural Pavilion was crowded last Sunday afternoon to hear Mr. F. Shiverca F. S. Spence, the chairman, laid before the meeting the facts that have already been published in the CANADA CITIZEN in reference to the success that the Scott Act has achieved in diminishing drunkenness and lessening the consumption of strong drink. Mr. Shiverca delivered an address of unusual earnestness and power, holding the immense audience spell-bound, on which his stirring utterances made a deep impression.

Mr and Mrs Douthey are keeping up their revival temperance meetings with good results. On Sunday last they obtained sixty-five signatures to the total abstinence pledge, meetings being held both afternoon and evening. The meetings on Monday and Tuesday night were in the Temperance Hall, after which they were transferred to Association Hall where they are now being held.

The different branches of the W C T U, in this city, are unusually active, the Headquarters' scheme giving them all the work they can manage to accomplish for some time. The Central Union has decided to raise \$500 for the scheme before May 1st, and nearly all the other unions have also pledged themselves to large amounts.

Mr W D Norris, an active and useful member of the Toronto Lodge I.O.G.T., received an address and presentation on Monday evening last, in honor of the services he has done to the cause and Order. Mr. Norris is about leaving for Montreal.

Dr. J. M B Woods and Mr Thomas Caswell entertained the West Presbyterian Church Band of Hope at the last regular meeting on Thursday evening. It was the largest meeting of the season, as well as the most interesting, and the attention was all that could be desired.

The Scott Act in Brighton.

CHARLES LEWARD of the Occidental hotel appeared before George Webb, Esq. J. P., and another magistrate in Colborne to answer a charge brought against him by Inspector Cocks. The case was proven and as this was the first offence by this man he was allowed to depart on payment of \$50 and costs. This is the fourth fine on parties keeping this house. It has changed tenants three times in two years, the first tenant was fined twice and he disposed of his interest. The next tenant was fined \$50 and he sold out, the present one is now fined, and he wants to sell, and if our organization was in good working order and every temperance member did his duty, every hotel keeper in the village would have to stop the sale or quit.

Yours truly,
Scott Act

Bruce County.

EVIDENTLY the Antis are pretty sure of winning in the repeal contest in Bruce, and some government officials are in sympathy with the whisky party. A circular has been sent to the municipalities in the county calling their attention to the fact that they would be wise to have license by laws passed in anticipation of the repeal. The town council of Walkerton has actually adopted a by-law fixing the license fee for that place at \$150 over and above the special liquor tax.

Enforcement in Halton

POLICE MAGISTRATE Young, of Halton, is dealing summarily with some of the bad characters in his jurisdiction. On Saturday, February 18, he fined A. P. Thompson, of Ballinacra, \$50 and costs; Mrs. Geo. Gibbs and Charles Antony, of Georgetown, each \$75 and costs, each on a charge of a third offence. He committed William Pitman, of Georgetown, to gaol for two months.

A White Ribbon.

The White Ribbon is a new monthly journal published at Pittsburg, Pa., in the interests of the W C T U, mostly gotten up, eight pages of three columns each. Subscription price 25 cents per annum. Edited by Miss F. L. Smith. The multiplication of well-managed temperance journals is one of the most hopeful and encouraging indications of the steady growth of our cause.

Dynamite.

A DISPATCH from Providence, Rhode Island, states that the anti at East Greenwich, have been using their usual methods in dealing with prohibitionists. An attempt was made to blow up with dynamite the residence of Rev. O. W. Still, and a well from which a prohibition family obtained water was poisoned with arsenic.

A Worthy Work

THE St. Giles' Christian Mission, in London, is doing a good work. During the past year it provided a breakfast for all prisoners on their discharge from gaol. There were 20,000 such in London, and over 15,000 accepted the committee's invitation, while over 4,000 of these signed the total abstinence pledge.

Woman's Vote

A BILL is before the Massachusetts Legislature giving women a vote on the question of granting licenses. This would be a practical form of special suffrage that would be remarkably beneficial to the community, and we do not know of any good argument against it.

The Best Cure.

AN English medical man of high authority and repute, Dr. J. H. Rutherford, of Newcastle, says that "Modern science has made it perfectly clear that sipping cold water slowly is the best cure for the drink crave."

Twenty-one Teetotalers.

TWENTY-ONE of the members of the new House of Representatives in New Zealand are total abstinents.