

well filled. The President, Rev. A. M. Phillips, occupied the chair, and explained the object of the meeting. After devotional exercises the Rev. Mr. Brethour gave a short address. He said the meeting was being held in pursuance of a call issued by the Elgin branch of the Dominion Alliance to consider the advisability of submitting the Scott Act.

Rev. Mr. Clementi moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. Fallis, "That in the judgment of this convention the time has come for the submission of the Scott Act in the county of Elgin and city of St. Thomas."

The opinion of the delegates having been asked by Rev. Mr. Brethour as to whether they would be willing to have the Act submitted in the county, leaving the city in abeyance in the meantime, the delegates expressed themselves almost unanimously opposed to submitting the Act in Elgin county unless it was put to the vote in St. Thomas, and said the temperance movement had never so many friends in the city as at the present time. He thought if both the city and county were voted upon in a single day victory was assured in both municipalities if the people took hold of the work enthusiastically and with the aid of God. Rev. J. Smith, of Toronto, said that it was not advisable to submit the Act unless there was a fair chance of carrying it. By all means he would advise submitting both the city and county on the same day, as one would react upon the other. The chairman said the temperance people of the city were not so sanguine of success as were those of the county. A delegate expressed regret that more representatives were not present from St. Thomas. On request those from the city stood up and somewhat astonished the complaining delegate by their numbers. A delegate from Tyrconnell said the feeling in the county was such that there would be little hope of carrying the Act unless the hearty co-operation of the city was had. Rev. Mr. Hutchinson was of opinion that there was a strong feeling in favor of the Scott Act in the city. Rev. Messrs. Caldwell and Stephenson coincided with this view. Mr. Leonard Ferguson thought that any contest which might take place should be extended over the adjoining counties as well as Elgin. After a long discussion the resolution of the Rev. Mr. Clement was put and carried unanimously. It was decided to appoint an organizer for the county. The Rev. W. N. Sheppard suggested that collective action be taken, if possible, by the counties of Elgin, Lambton, and Middlesex. Rev. Mr. Morrow gave valuable information regarding the submission of the Scott Act, and said its submission in Oxford had cost \$2,500. A nominating committee was appointed, composed of Revs. Phillips, Hutchinson, Brown, and Tapscott and Messrs. Munger, Youmans, and Ferguson.

A mass meeting in the First Methodist church at night was largely attended and very enthusiastic. The chair was occupied by Rev. D. G. Sutherland. Stirring speeches were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Morrow, John Smith, of Toronto, and Brethour, of Milton.

The chairman put the following resolution: Moved by W. E. Youmans, seconded by G. P. King, "That the time has come when the Scott-Act should be submitted to the electors of St. Thomas and the County of Elgin," which was carried unanimously by the large audience rising to their feet.

The convention met at nine o'clock next morning and made all the necessary arrangements for commencing the fight at once.

WELLINGTON.—Judging from the great crowd that gathered at the Sunday evening meeting in the Town Hall the Temperance wave must have struck Berlin. Not only were hall and gallery filled to their utmost capacity, but many were obliged to return home unable to get in. The platform was occupied by the members of the committee. The choirs of the several churches occupied the front seat, and led the singing which was most heartily entered into by the immense assemblage. The Rev. Mr. Tait opened with an appropriate and earnest prayer. Mr. Jacob Y. Shantz acted as chairman and delivered a very earnest and appropriate address, most faithfully advising both young and old to abstain from the great evil which afflicts our land. The other speakers were I. L. Bowman, E. P. Clement and the Rev. Mr. Nugent, each of whom delivered an address abounding in earnest appeals and arguments in favor of Temperance. A vote of the audience was taken whether any more such meetings should be held and every hand went up in its favor. No one was asked to sign the pledge and nothing said about submitting the Scott Act here. These matters will no doubt be treated at subsequent meetings.—*Berlin News*.

PRINCE EDWARD.—Mr. G. D. Platt, Secretary of the county Scott Act Association, writes as follows:

Our county (Prince Edward) is now pretty thoroughly organized.

We have one central organization, the County Temperance Alliance, and branches of the same in each municipality. These branches have officers distributed in every school section, and thus the whole county is reached. In addition to these associations for the electors, a branch of the W. C. T. Union has been organized by members of the Picton Union in every municipality except one. The ladies who have joined these Unions seem to be very earnest and willing to do any work in their power. Bands of Hope have been organized among the children in some villages, and there is a prospect that the movement will become pretty general. Picton has a flourishing band of about 250 boys and girls pledged to abstinence from intoxicating liquor and tobacco. We are all ready to begin the circulation of the petition for the submission of the Scott Act. We begin immediately in Picton, but the county workers will hardly get started under a week or two when the hurry of the sewing is over. We are morally certain of success in this county as we carried the Dunkin Act three or four times, and prevented its repeal once by a majority of 248 in a full vote. In fact the temperance people have got to meet their first defeat at the poles in old Prince Edward. Our petition is to be finished about the first of June.

SIMCOE.—An immense and enthusiastic meeting convened at the Barric Town Hall on Friday evening to hear a lecture on the Scott Act, by F. S. Spence, the Secretary of the Dominion Alliance. All the aisles of the large hall were crowded with those who could not find sitting room. The chair was occupied by Judge Ardagh, and on the platform were Rev. Canon Morgan, Rev. Dr. Harper, Judge Boys, J. G. Story, Esq., President of the County Association, and a large number of other prominent ministers and laymen. Mr. Spence's logical and practical address was closely followed and warmly applauded to the very close, at almost eleven o'clock. Barrie promises well for the contest. Mr. Spence addressed a meeting at Stroud last week. He reports the canvass as going on well and its results as very encouraging.

LANARK.—A mammoth temperance demonstration is to be held at Carleton Place on Dominion Day, very much after the style of a regatta. It has not yet been decided which of the many attractive spots on the lake will be selected, but up there some place the speeches and sports will be given, and already the steamers have been chartered for the day. It is likely that among those to be present will be Sir Leonard Tilley, Hon. G. W. Ross, Dr. Oronhyatekha, P.R.W.G.C., of the Good Templars, T. W. Casey, G.W. S., Prof. Foster, M.P., Rev. Mr. Lucas, and other great celebrities in the Temperance firmament, including those near home who shine so conspicuously for us every day—Messrs. Jamieson, M.P., and Manning. The Lodges, and Divisions and Societies in Ottawa, Smith's Falls, Brockville, Almonte, Clayton, Lanark village, Ashton, and all along the line of Railway will be invited to be present in their official capacities. The day, as suggested, will be one not solely of speechifying. In all probability there will be prizes for races on land and water, and novelties in other respects, the whole to conclude with a monster musical march and concert in the Drill Shed in the evening. It is expected there will be special trains and rates, and that thousands of people will be present, seeing this is the year when the agitators of years intend striking out for liberty with the battle-cry, "The Scott Act."—*C. P. Central Canadian*.

At a meeting of the Licensed Victuallers yesterday the double license was discussed. A great majority of hotel-keepers had decided to take out only the provincial license, not being willing to throw away any more money than the \$10 they paid on application. At the same time it was felt that but for the efforts of two or three members of the Association, very few applications would have been made for Dominion licenses. These members, in their desire to make political capital for themselves, had induced others to apply to the Dominion Board. The meeting was addressed by Mr. E. King Dodds, on behalf of the movement in opposition to the Scott Act. A Dominion executive has been formed, composed chiefly of representatives of the Licensed Victuallers of Ontario and the wholesale dealers of Montreal, two-thirds of whose trade is with Ontario. This executive has charge of the opposition to the Scott Act, and a general fund is now being raised to fight the Act wherever it is submitted. The meeting yesterday pledged itself not to deal with or support any wholesale wine or spirit merchant, brewer or distiller who does not contribute his share to the general fund now being raised.—*Globe*, 26th ult.