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We would call attention to the press extracts in another page showing the general disapproval with which the news of the infamous action of the Senate is being received.

We have extended till June 30th, the time for receiving subscriptions and renewals on liberal terms offered in the May supplement of THE CANADA CITIZEN. Subscribers and others, desiring to avail themselves of that remarkable offer, will please remit without further delay.

POLLINGS FIXED.

REMEMBER THE WORKERS IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Lincoln, Ont.....	June 18.	Hastings, Ont.....	July 2.
Perth, ".....	" 18.	Ontario,.....	" 16.
Middlesex, ".....	" 18.	Haldimand, Ont.....	" 16.
Guysboro', N.S.....	June 28.		

A Scott Act prayer and praise meeting will be held at the office of THE CANADA CITIZEN, 8 King street East, on Thursday evening, the 18th inst., at 8 o'clock, to ask God's blessing on our armies and our cause, and to receive reports from the fields of fight.

A BREACH OF HOSPITALITY.

We do not object to anything in the line of fair controversy and gentlemanly debate. We pride ourselves in Canada on our free press and free platform, and we admit the right of liquor men to advocate their calling by the very best agencies that their cause or their money can secure. We regret very much, however, that any Canadians should have been guilty of conduct so discourteous and inhospitable as has been that of Canadian liquor advocates towards Hon. J. B. Finch on several recent occasions. Mr. Finch is a gentleman of unimpeachable character and high ability. He came here as representative of a large temperance organization having branches in Canada as well as other countries. He came here on our invitation. He was loyally received by patriotic Canadian Good Templars; our best citizens congregated to give him and his associates a fitting reception; and our Lieutenant-Governor, as representative head of our Province, joined in tendering to him a hearty welcome. Notwithstanding all this, a few advocates of the licensing system, unable to cope with his arguments, have resorted to the petty trick of attempting to prejudice public opinion against him, by asserting that his coming here, and his discussion of public questions, constituted an impertinent interference with our domestic affairs.

We hasten to assure Mr. Finch, and his friends, that the contemptible sneers at his nationality are resented indignantly by that large section of our Canadian population, whose good sense and kindly feeling are not overpowered by prejudice or avarice. On behalf of this portion of our community,—and it is nearly the whole—we hasten to extend to Mr. Finch and his colleagues assur-

ances of unshaken friendship, and anxiety to repudiate the unkindness and discourtesy that could not emanate from any other source than whiskeydom and its advocates.

IS IT A CONSPIRACY?

The Rev. D. L. Brethour, in a recent letter to the *Globe*, calls attention to the effective manner in which the Senate and the liquor party have been working together for the destruction of the Scott Act. The letter states the history of the whole proceedings very succinctly, and we reprint it for our readers that they may see how liquor influence is evidently making itself felt in quarters that ought to be free from even the suspicion of being open to such influence:—

"On or about the 7th of May inst., the Senate voted in Committee to put into the Scott Act the amendment to exempt wine and beer from the operations of the law where it is now or may hereafter be in force. The majority was large enough to satisfy the soul of Senator Almon himself. After passing the amendment the Senate adjourned for two weeks. It seemed necessary that such an extraordinary exploit should be followed by twelve or fourteen days of absolute rest, so that overstrained minds, bodies, and consciences might recuperate. On the 21st of May the Honorable Senators re-assembled, when the order of the day was called for, viz., the third reading of the Scott Act Amending Bill, but the Senate found itself unable to cope with the difficulty, and another week's delay was voted. Let us look at a few very striking and suggestive facts as suggested by, and some of them coterminous with the action of the Senate. Last winter the liquor party of this Province issued petitions and put them into circulation for signature asking Parliament for this wine and beer and other amendments, but from some cause the petitions were suddenly withdrawn. Next Mr. Wm. Kyle's great excursion went to Ottawa to interview the Government. The country is familiar with the efforts made in the Commons to defeat Mr. Jamieson's Bill, and to put amendments into the Act whose effect would be to destroy the law entirely if they were carried. Mr. Jamieson's Bill was sent to the Senate. Then came the Senate's amendments, then the adjournments. Immediately upon the adjournment unusual activity was manifest among the brotherhood of liquor sellers, and petitions were again put into motion asking for amendments in the line of the Senate's action. When the Senate re-assembled on the 21st the third reading was postponed for a week. Next day petitions began to come in asking for such action. Another singular fact, as stated in THE CANADA CITIZEN of May 22nd, a confidential letter, bearing date, Toronto, May 9, 1885, and signed by Auguste Bolte, 39 Colborne street, Toronto, was sent throughout the Province, of course to reliable and responsible parties who could be depended upon in such an emergency, urging immediate and energetic action in the circulation and signature of petitions, praying both Houses of Parliament, to exempt wine and beer, &c.—what does all this mean? Can it be possible there is collusion between the Senate and liquor sellers to destroy the Scott Act? The adjournment on the 7th of May; the unusual stir in wine and beer circles, and the floods of petitions, showed that if wine and beer were not fermenting, something else was; the confidential letter of Mr. Auguste Bolte dated 9th May; the adjournment of the third