

we have appointed a guardian, not to see that the petition is kept intact, but to turn the cranks for our *friends* who wish to inspect the petition, and who might otherwise tire of the labor of turning."

GREY.—An unfortunate mistake has thrown this county behind so that it cannot vote in time to have the Scott Act come into force in 1885; but Grey is not out of the race. The canvassers underestimated the total voting population of the county, and stopped work when they thought they had enough names to be perfectly safe. Some signers, too, were found not to be returned in the newly issued voters' list, and so the petition is about ninety names short. The *Grey Review* speaks confidently of the prospects, and there is little doubt that the county will secure a handsome majority for the Scott Act at an early date.

YORK.—The work is going on in this county. Petitions are nearly ready, and will shortly be deposited with the county sheriff. Meetings are being held in different places.

On Wednesday evening of last week there was an immense meeting in the Orange Hall, Woodbridge, addressed by John Milne, Esq., president of the County Association, and F. S. Spence, Esq., Secretary of the Dominion Alliance. The audience was very enthusiastic, and in that part of the county the majority will be very large. The ball keeps rolling.

ELGIN.—The Elgin Scott Act central committee met in St. Thomas on Friday of last week. The St. Thomas people reported more than the requisite number of signatures to their petition. After some discussion it was resolved that the St. Thomas and county petitions be filed in the sheriff's office the second week in December, and the vote if possible be taken for both places on the same day. A large number of canvassers have not yet made their declaration to the county petitions.—*Alymer Express*.

HASTINGS.—A circular has been received at this office signed by A. F. Wood, Esq., M.P.P., president of the County Association, and by Rev. F. B. Stratton, secretary, giving full details of organization and calling for a meeting of committees during the present week.

The Hastings friends have evidently got to work in good earnest, and in a business like way that must ensue success. They have large territory, but it is good. The sentiment of the electors is strong and growing. There will be bitter opposition from local liquor manufacturing interests, but we expect our friends to win. Look out for a good majority in Hastings.

PERTH.—The petition for this county has been disallowed by the Supreme Court. The difficulty is that there are two registry offices in the county and the petition had only been deposited in one of them. The Scott Act requires the deposit of the petition in "the office of the Sheriff or Registrar of Deeds of or in the county or city, for public examination." The court held that this requirement was not complied with by deposit in one registry office. Accordingly the work will all have to be done over again. The Government has refused to return the petition, and a new one will have to be gotten up. But the men of Perth are not easily daunted; already the new petitions are being signed, and the campaign will be pushed to a successful issue.

KENT.—The argument on the Kent Scott Act petition took place before the Supreme Court, at Ottawa, yesterday, Messrs. Walker & McLean representing the temperance party; Mr. Douglas contra. Particulars of the argument are not at hand, but Chief Justice Ritchie, and Justice Strong were favorable to the petition going to the people; Justice Henry against, and Justice Fournier and Taschereau expressed no opinion. Judgment reserved. It will probably be some days before it is rendered, but will in all probability be favorable to the submission of the Act.—*Chatham Weekly Banner*.

Our readers will probably remember the difficulty in this particular case. Certain parties who had signed the petition, subsequently signed a document withdrawing their names, and the question before the Supreme Court is whether or not they could do so, and thus invalidate the petition, the promoters of which believe to be all that the law requires.

MIDDLESEX.—The Rev W. A. McKay, B.A., of Woodstock, has done the campaign in this county great service. Two meetings have been held, addressed by Mr. McKay, the first in Belmont, held in the Presbyterian church was largely attended, and so convincing was the lecture that a large vote was recorded for the Act, and only one hand lifted against it. The following evening, Tuesday, Nov. 4th, Mr. McKay lectured in the North Westminster church, and although the night was very stormy, an enthusiastic meeting was held. A splendid vote was recorded, nearly the entire audience rising to their feet. Mr. McKay is the author of the pamphlet on the Scott Act, that should be scattered broadcast over every county where the campaign is going forward.

The petitions filed in the Sheriff's office contain 5,513 genuine signatures of electors, more than 1,000 above the required number. Mr. Wm. Burgess is in the county, and a strong force of talented local workers are also doing excellent service.

A man has been appointed to stand guard in the Sheriff's office and see that the petition remains intact until ten days' deposit is completed.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—A very large and enthusiastic meeting of the Alliance was held Tuesday evening. The members were fully resolved to redeem their two promises given before the election, viz.: (1st) To assist by all means in their power in carrying out the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act; and (2nd) To move in the direction of complete prohibition.

It was felt that the first thing to be done was to obtain funds, and a number of volunteers undertook to make a thorough canvass for subscriptions. Also, a committee was appointed to make arrangements for sending a petition from all parts of Prince Edward Island to Parliament at its next session, asking for complete prohibition. It is intended to make provision for giving every elector in the Island an opportunity to sign the petition, and also to send a petition from the women of the Province at the same time.

The steps necessary to be taken in various legal matters were fully discussed and decided upon, it being resolved to push on cases where an information can be obtained. Various details on these points were decided, but it would not be expedient to publish them at this time.

The General Committee adjourned at 10 o'clock, and at once the Sub-Committees met and continued in session for some time.—*Charlottetown Examiner*.

PEEL.—Two causes have mainly contributed to the present defeat, the large barley interest in the County, and the apparent blindness in many unexpected quarters to the demoralizing influence of drink. Perhaps, also, over-confidence, with the consequent looseness of organization, must bear a portion of the blame.—*Peel Banner*.

We believe that hundreds of our farmers will yet regret voting against such a great moral question for the lifting up of humanity, no matter what the cause may have been for their so doing. We are proud of the vote Brampton and Bolton have given. The whiskey ring expected a majority of fifty in Brampton, yet were defeated by a majority of twenty-nine. It is the more gratifying that it is so, because every stratagem was put forth by the enemies of the Act to prove that it would injure the trade of Brampton if the Act would carry, which shows that financial grounds had no weight with such a good measure, and one that would do much good for the rising generation.—*Brampton Times*.

We expect that the defeat of the Scott Act in Peel will not discourage the supporters of that measure in other places, but will infuse fresh energy into their efforts in places where the Act is to be submitted to a vote. The result in this county will of course give fresh courage to those opposed to the Act, and reanimate their zeal in their attempts to defeat it in other places. As a consequence both sides will work with redoubled energy, and the contests will be all the keener. But spite of this temporary check the feeling in favor of the Act is growing and spreading, and will continue to do so.—*Guelph Mercury*.

BRANT.—The date for voting in this county is fixed for Dec. 11th. Rev. T. H. Orne, County President, writes us that the campaign is progressing vigorously. The *Scott Act Herald* is being circulated in the county, and the fight is waxing hot, though as yet the Antis have not ventured any platform opposition.