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The Campaign Everywhere.

PONTIAC, QUE.—The Pontiac County Temperance Alliance held its regular quarterly meeting lately. The feeling in favor of the submission of the Scott Act in that county is growing so strong that it is confidently expected definite steps to that end will be taken at the next meeting of the Alliance, in January.—*Renfrew Mercury.*

OTTAWA (COUNTY).—The Rev. D. V. Lucas lectured to good audiences at Aylmer two evenings last week, and held an afternoon conference of temperance workers, the Rev. Geo. Jamieson, President of the County Alliance, occupying the chair. Steps were taken toward preparing for a Scott Act campaign in the County of Ottawa next summer. Mr. Lucas had an interview with the Hon. Mr. Scott, who resides in the county, to solicit his co-operation. The successful result of a contest rests largely with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Ottawa, whom Mr. Scott has kindly promised to see.—*War Notes.*

LONDON.—This city is moving in the line of Scott Act work. A meeting has been held and an organization formed to work for securing the adoption of the Act. Petitions are being prepared and will soon be in circulation. It is expected that London will give a good account of herself when the time for polling comes.

The following are the officers of the Association:—President, Wm. Bowman; First Vice-President, Wm. Trebilcock; Second Vice President, Thomas Hobbs, sr.; Secretary, John Tweed; Treasurer, W. R. Hobbs. The Central Committee comprises D. T. Ware, Wm. Scarrow, and D. H. Williams.

GUELPH.—On Monday of last week a mass meeting under the auspices of the Guelph Scott Act Association was held in the City Hall. The chair was occupied by Rev. W. S. Griffin, President of the Association. On the platform were Revs. D. L. Brethour, W. Savage, D. McGregor, W. M. Dawley; Messrs. Berrie, J. Innis, M.P., Chas. Raymond, Jno Hogg, Joseph Ryan, B. Fairley, Thomas Dowdy, E. H. Maddock, and J. A. McConnell. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Rev. Mr. Savage.

The chairman after a short stirring address introduced the Rev. D. L. Brethour, who delivered a lengthy and interesting address. The audience was very enthusiastic and demonstrative.

Short addresses were also made by Messrs. Berrie, Innis, Hogg, Raymond and Stevenson, and the proceedings of this very successful meeting were brought to a close by the audience lustily joining in "Hold the Fort."

HALTON.—Archibald Cunningham, hotel keeper of Burlington, was brought before Police Magistrate Young at this village last week, charged by Inspector Frazer with three violations of the provisions of the Scott Act. He was acquitted of one of the charges, but the other two were sustained by the evidence of Norman Hamburg, John Bell and Walter Braham, who swore that they had bought whiskey from the defendant and paid him for it. Cunningham was fined \$50 on one conviction, and \$100 on the other, but as soon as the magistrate's decision was given, jumped into a buggy which he had in readiness and drove off. As it appears that all his property has been made over to his wife, it is not likely that either of his fines will be paid.

Inspector Frazer has again laid two informations against J. P. Roper for violation of the Scott Act.—*Milton Champion.*

HASTINGS.—A large and most enthusiastic meeting of the members of the Scott Act Committee, Madoc township, was held in the vestry of the Methodist Church, Hazard's Corner, on Monday, December 15th, for the purpose of carrying out the requirements of the circular issued by the Central Committee. There were in all about 38 members of the committee present, representing about every school section in the township. Mr. W. J. Allen, the President, was the right man in the right place, in fact all the members were present and by the earnest and successful manner of their carrying out their work showed the wisdom of their appointments, as also what can be accomplished when the officers work with a will. Rev. F. B. Stratton, County Secretary, being present, was called upon for explanations touching the circulars. The rev. gentleman complied, and in a few well-timed remarks pointed out the work required to be done at present. Revs. Messrs. Young, of Thomasburg, and Ockley, of Eldorado, and several members of the committee also gave their views as to the best mode of procedure—in the appointment of canvassers, raising funds, and organizing for work, after which it was resolved,—1st.—That four canvassers be appointed in each polling sub-division of the township to circulate petitions for the required number of signatures. 2nd.—That the President call together the canvassers of each division at such time and place as he may deem best, for the purpose of laying out the work of each man, so as to avoid all confusion, and attend to other business connected with said division, such as filling of vacancies that might arise, etc. Gentlemen were then appointed as canvassers, and it was "resolved, that in order to raise the \$100 appropriated to Madoc township, a subscription be opened to-day, and that Messrs. Henry Robinson, John A. McCoy, jr., Thos. Dunn, and Ebenezer Johnson, be a committee to secure the balance." Nearly \$40 was paid on the spot.

The County Secretary promised that the petitions and instructions should be in hand in time for operation by the 7th of January. The hearty thanks of the meeting were tendered the Rev. gentlemen present, and one of the most successful Scott Act meetings yet held came to a happy termination. If every other municipality in Hastings will "go and do likewise," victory will be sure.—*Stirling News-Argus.*

LANARK.—On Thursday, January 15th, the electors of Lanark County will be called upon to give their decision on the Act, and there are a few facts which, from their peculiar local interest, should be borne in mind by every temperance man, and which should rouse to action every elector whose position has been one of indifference. We refer to the machinations by which, in the early part of Nov., those interested in the liquor traffic obtained, by false means, the most high-handed and insolent perversion of the will of the people which this county has ever experienced. Knowing well that the petition from the electors of Lanark was filed in ample time to secure the polling and adoption of the Act within the month of Nov., and that accordingly it would come into effect on May 1st, 1884, they at once strained every nerve to secure a delay of proceedings at Ottawa, in order that the vote might be postponed long enough to prevent the enforcement of the Act until May, 1886; it is provided that not less than five months must elapse between adoption and the beginning of the next license year, or that otherwise it cannot come into effect until the following year on May 1st. They saw that it was a clear case against them, for all knew well that Lanark would carry the Act; so they applied all the more desperate means. A lawyer—one of not extra-prominence or influence—was at first sent, but he reported that the petition had already passed through