

Vidal, President of the Dominion Alliance, in the chair. At this meeting the provisional officers and an executive was appointed and instructed to open a stock book and take all necessary steps to organize the Company. The stock book is now opened and a considerable amount of stock has already been subscribed, and as Life Assurance Companies stocks have proved an excellent investment in the past, there is no doubt that the guarantee stock of this Company will be quickly taken up and prove to be a profitable and safe investment. The experience of the "United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution of England" for the last seventeen years shows that the lives of total abstainers have been over 30 per cent. better than the lives of moderate drinkers.

It is therefore in the interest of total abstainers that this Company should be quickly organized so that they may receive the benefit which they are entitled to receive on account of their good habits. Why should we with our advanced temperance sentiment in this country be behind the mother country and Australia in this respect. As temperance men we should take a deep interest in the success of the Company and assist those who are promoting it by procuring stock and insuring in the Company. We are confident that the experience of this Company in this country will be more favorable to total abstainers than even that of the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution. We take a deep interest in this Company, knowing that its organization and success must materially help the cause of temperance. We congratulate Mr. O'Hara on his appointment as Provisional Managing Director. And we wish him that success which energy and long experience in Life Insurance business and the management of agents deserves.

Scott Act News.

ARTHABASKA CO. QUE.—Writs have been received for the Scott-Act election in this county. Polls will be held in each municipality on Thursday, the 17th July next. The law will certainly be carried by a large majority; however friends of prohibition must not be idle, but use every effort to swell the majority to the highest figure possible.—*Alpha*.

SIMCOE.—On Thursday last there was a meeting in the Temperance Hall in the Anti-Scott Act interest. There was a large attendance, but the great majority seemed to be supporters of the Act. Mr. Fahey addressed the audience in the usual routine of those opposed to the temperance cause. His address, though able, did not seem to have much influence, as most of the electors in this place have made up their minds to give the Act a fair trial. Mr. H. L. Lovering ably replied, and his remarks being in unison with the feelings of most of those present, he was loudly applauded. It is said that there is but one step from the sublime to the ridiculous, and in mutually complimenting each other on their eloquence, both speakers took a step decidedly beyond the sublime.—*Orillia Packet*.

THE REPEAL IN HALTON.—The most remarkable feature about the Scott-Act repeal agitation in Halton is that the great mass of the prominent men who supported its submission are still favorable to the bill. If the law has been the failure it's opponent's claim and is injurious to business surely the business men of Halton who are working against the repeal movement must be blind to their interest? It is likely that if the claims of the Anti-Scottites were well founded these business men would favor the renewal of the Act.—*Ottawa Free Press*.

ALL friends of temperance, as well as the active supporters of the Act, will hope that the appeal will fail. Its success would undo much that has been done, and would throw a damper on temperance work in other parts of the province. Had Halton not been alone in its fight against intemperance by the instrumentality of the Scott-Act, so that it became the focus of attack from the liquor interest of the province, had it been surrounded by counties in which the Act was also in force, so that drink would not have been so accessible, this petition would never have assumed its present formidable proportions.—*St. Thomas Journal*.

The petition for the repeal of the Scott Act in Halton will be deposited in the Sheriff's office on Saturday, the 28th inst., where it will have to remain for ten days subject to inspection by any elector. It will be well for the anti-Scotts to strike off all the spurious names before depositing it in the office, else they may get into some trouble.

Is it not a little strange that when licensed liquor was King in Halton the sight of a drunken man or a crowd of drunken rowdies were seldom noticed? But now when old bummers get soaked and disturb the peace occasionally the whole blame is laid on the Scott

Act. Many people are apt to forget that these men learned to drink under a license system, and having formed the insatiable appetite are powerless to resist the craving when it comes upon them. Give the Scott Act as many years to reform the evil as a license law has had in creating it, and the chances are that drunkenness will be very rare.—*Halton News*.

LANARK.—An interesting temperance meeting was held in the town hall on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance. Mr. S. Garrett occupied the chair, and after singing by the large audience present, and prayer, Rev. T. Luckins made a few pertinent remarks on the submission of the Scott Act to the people. He then called on Mr. J. R. Lavell as first speaker for the afternoon, who entered at once into the subject and discussed the objections to prohibition recently raised by anti-Scott Act letters. Mr. Avison, Almonte, followed him in a practical speech full of originality and force, and a most interesting meeting came to a close shortly after 5 by prayer, by Rev. Mr. Wilson. We were pleased to see the hall well filled by an appreciated audience. Owing to the issue shortly to be presented to the people of this and adjoining counties it is well that these discussions should be listened to. On Wednesday evening a meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Smith's Falls, in the interest of the Scott Act. The meeting was large and enthusiastic. Stirring addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Wilson, Luckins and Crombie, and by the chairman, Rev. S. Mylne. It was decided to send delegates to the meeting to be held at Carleton Place on the 20th inst., and the following gentlemen were appointed: John R. Lavel, S. Garret, John Gile, Alex. Keith, James Ferguson (Dep. Reeve of Montague), and the speakers of the meeting.—*Independent*.

HALTON.—The largest and most enthusiastic Temperance Convention ever held in the county was convened in the Canada Methodist Church, Milton, on the 21st inst, for the purpose of organizing the temperance forces to oppose the Anti-Scott Act party in their efforts to repeal the Act. The great battle between the Prohibition and Anti-Prohibition parties of the province will be fought in this county. Both parties recognize the fact that the fate of the Act throughout Ontario will largely depend on the result here; and both are about equally sanguine of success. The opponents of the Act are said to be thoroughly organized and well supplied with means to carry on the campaign. As this is the only county in Ontario where the Canada Temperance Act has been tried, it is generally understood that the Provincial Association will concentrate its efforts here to repeal the Act. The temperance party are fairly organized, but not in a position (financially) to successfully cope with the combined liquor interests of the Province. They claim that as this contest is one of provincial importance, they are entitled to and should receive the assistance of the friends of the Act in every part of the country. A large majority of the names on the anti-Scott Act petition are said to have been signed nearly two years ago, or about three months after the Act came in force. If this statement be true, new petitions will have to be circulated before the writ for the election can be issued.

The following were a few of the many prominent temperance workers present:—Rev. M. C. Cameron, Milton; Rev. D. L. Brethour, Milton; W. D. Brothers, Milton; Rev. J. C. Willmott, York County; J. Peant, Freeman; Reuben Butchart, Milton; R. Marshall, Rev. D. McKenzie, William McCraney, M.P., D. Campbell, Rev. T. R. Earl, Norfolk County; Rev. M. Corkman, Trafalgar; Geo. Cotrell, T. I. Starret, editor *Halton News*; Geo. May, Alex. Reed, E. Hemphill, Georgetown; Dr. L. L. Bennett, Georgetown; A. Newell, Cumminsville; Geo. Prudham, James Menzies, Reeve of Nassagaweya; Andrew Seburn, Oakville; William Murray, Milton; James Harrison, Milton; Rev. R. D. Fraser, Rev. W. G. Wallace, Georgetown; W. H. Young, Police Magistrate, Oakville; M. L. Biggar, Oakville; John White, ex-M.P., Milton; Rev. Wm. Bryers, Acton; E. P. Moore, editor *Acton Free Press*; S. Centre, Milton; T. Mason, Trafalgar; Rev. R. R. Maitland, Lowville; Mr. Snell, President Peel Association; Mr. Rice, Secretary of Peel Association; David Vanfleet, Kilbride; Mr. Warren, Deputy Reeve, Esquesing; E. T. Earl, Kilbride; D. McGregor, J. Ireland, Palermo; James McPherson, Esquesing; Burge Gunby, Cumminsville; Wm. Centre, Esquesing; J. H. Harrison, Milton; J. Peddie, Nassagaweya; J. Ezard, Milton; Richard Corrigan, Nelson; and Dr. Robertson, ex-M.P.P.

At 10 a.m. the President of the Association, Rev. M. C. Cameron, called the meeting to order. The Rev. D. McKenzie, led in prayer. The chairman and secretary of the Association, Rev. D. L. Brethour briefly stated the object of the meeting, and gave an outline of the present phase of the work.