

present, notwithstanding very inclement weather. Mr F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Alliance, delivered addresses explaining the principles and provisions of the Act, and urging its adoption.

KINGSTON.—Mr. W. M. Robertson, Secretary of the Scott Act Association of this city, writes to us that the petition is almost complete, and has been advertised to be deposited on the 4th March. It was proposed at first to work in conjunction with the county, but the city has got along so enthusiastically that it was not found practicable to delay. It is hoped that the vote will be taken before the winter breaks up, and a good majority is looked for in favor of the Act.

BELLEVIEW.—A meeting of the executive committee of the Scott Act Association for this city was held last week, when it was decided to begin holding meetings in the various wards, and to have two or three meetings a week in different parts of the city until the vote is taken.

Meetings were held in the city several evenings during the week addressed by Prof. G. E. Foster, M.P., W. H. Young, Esq., Police Magistrate of Halton, and Rev. E. W. Sibbald.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The statement has often been made that there is more liquor sold under the Scott Act than there was under the License System, and we take this opportunity of giving this story a most emphatic denial. Only a few years ago there were 36 licensed dram shops in the town, each paying a heavy license fee, and now there could not half that number exist, with no license to pay. Some of the liquor dealers continue to sell, being encouraged to do so by the *Courier* and others of that ilk, but they sell with fear and trembling, and their business under the Scott Act is getting more and more disreputable every day. There has been a *large decrease in the sale of liquor* since the adoption of the Scott Act, in the face of all the obstacles to its enforcement, and drunkenness and crime have decreased in proportion.—*St. Stephen, N. B. Signal.*

LAMBTON.—Sir,—The Executive Committee of Lambton S. A. Association met on Friday last in Wyoming to arrange campaign work for the short time intervening between now and the 19th of March. We meet with encouragement on every hand. Complete and satisfactory arrangements have been made by some of the leading local committees relative to the organization and canvassing of those parts that were somewhat neglected while the petition was in circulation. Money is also beginning to come in, in such a way as to evince an amount of enthusiasm on the side of prohibition as was never before witnessed in Lambton. Petrolea, our treasurer says, has contributed \$40, with more to follow. Canvassing for subscriptions in behalf of Scott Act work commenced this afternoon in Wyoming, and when shown to me it had only seven names with a total of \$35.

The anti-Scott Act men are working quietly, and with the energy of despair. They are certainly keeping their counsel to themselves. We have not yet been able to learn whether or not they intend to place any outside lecturer in the field. In this respect their movements are being closely watched, and arrangements have been made to meet them on short notice. They are also being met in the quiet silent, mode of working. In some parts they have already engaged for their exclusive use in the campaign, all the livery teams and rigs. This, however, will not cause us very much inconvenience. Where there are no railways there are plenty of farmers and others willing and ready to do that work.

WANSTEAD.

HASTINGS.—The petitions in favor of the Scott Act have been actively circulated throughout the municipalities of Hastings during the past week or two. From all sections, we learn that they have been signed almost unanimously by those asked, so that they will have more than half the signatures of all the ratepayers, although only one quarter is necessary.—*Madoc Review.*

An enthusiastic Scott Act meeting was held in Canifton, on Wednesday of last week. A large number of electors were present and, as a vote at the close of the meeting showed, only one was opposed to the Act. We expect a sweeping majority in Canifton—and will get it too. Dr. Coleman gave those present one of his rattling speeches in favor of the Act. Mr. Wallbridge followed and won the attention and applause of the audience.

The Rev. Mr. Morrow, Secretary of the Oxford Scott Act Executive Committee, occupied the Methodist pulpit in Foxboro', Sabbath evening, February 1st. His remarks were founded on the 20th verse of the 94th Psalm. "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?" His sentences were emphasized very impressively and his clear, pointed argument struck home every time, and at the expiration of one hour, he would have been gladly heard another. His address abounded in thrilling narrative and vivid illustration and no effort of ours could re-produce the effect.

The Rev. Mr. Hallowell, of Prince Edward, and Dr. Coleman addressed a large and enthusiastic Scott Act meeting in the Lower Church on Friday evening last. The Revenue and Barley questions were fully and ably ventilated.—*Canadian Patriot.*

HALDIMAND.—The first gun in the Temperance cause was fired on Sunday last by Mr. Huff, who delivered the first lecture in the Scott Act campaign in this section in the Methodist Church, Hagersville. The weather was most severe and the notice short, consequently the attendance was small. Another lecture was announced for Tuesday which took place and was, considering the weather, fairly attended. We believe the people are prepared to work for the cause, but one of the most essential points to secure future success, is to begin the campaign right, and we believe that the right way is to form an association and work systematically; and create every minister in the county a chairman of a local association with power to canvass and work the matter up in his own locality. The forming of a grand or centre association is of vital importance: it should be composed of all the resident clergymen and all in the county as well and all interested in the temperance question, then the branch associations can work under the jurisdiction of the head association and the same system be adopted all through. "Union is strength." One of the first actions should be to adopt means to have a copy of the Scott Act placed in the hands of every voter in the constituency. There are very few people who really know what is embodied in this Act and no intelligent man can be expected to vote for a thing he knows little or nothing about. In Quebec, one of the first acts of the temperance people was to create a fund and have 100,000 copies of the Scott Act printed and circulated broadcast, so that all who can read can not plead ignorance of the law as embodied in the Scott Act. We believe that the people of Haldimand will pass the Act if properly worked up, but, as we stated before, the essential point is to commence right from the beginning.—*Hagersville Times.*

YORK.—Mr. John Milne, President of the County Scott Act Association, recently called at this office, and informed us that the work of securing signatures to the petitions is being pushed on with renewed energy. Meetings are being held at different points.

On Friday of last week a rousing gathering took place at Lambton Mills. The chair was occupied by J. Ferrier, Esq., a veteran temperance worker of West York, and the speakers were Messrs. John Milne, Jno. T. Moore, and F. S. Spence. A number of townships have already completed their canvass, and a county convention will be called at an early date.

The members of Union Star Lodge, Eglinton, to the number of thirty or more, took a sleigh drive up to Richmond Hill, on Wednesday evening last, to visit their sister lodge in that village. A good programme was provided by the visiting members assisted by Sis. Wilson, Bros. Atkinson, Agars, Sanderson, and W. C. T. Wright, of the Richmond Hill lodge. After partaking of a first-class supper and giving three hearty cheers for Richmond Hill lodge, the Eglinton members started for home, having had a most happy and enjoyable time.

The Eglinton Band of Hope had a most successful concert on Friday evening last. The ladies in charge deserve great praise for the manner in which they had trained the children. Under the able superintendents, Messrs. Douglas and Brown, the Band is making rapid progress, and is having a good effect in the community.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., the Eglinton W. C. T. U. met for Thanksgiving, as appointed by Mrs. Addie Chisholm. The President, Mrs. Norris, occupied the chair. Fervent prayer and testimony were offered for the cause, which is now uppermost in all the Christian hearts of Canada, and the members separated feeling much encouraged and strengthened for the duties before them.