

desirability of actively pushing forward campaign work. A prompt response was made by the different counties, and nineteen pollings have taken place in Ontario alone since the last annual meeting of this Branch of the Alliance. Altogether, during the year 1885, there took place in this Province twenty-two contests, and in seventeen of these we had the pleasure of recording majorities in favor of the Scott Act. The following is a full detail of the result of the voting in these different counties:—

COUNTIES.	Total votes for the Act	Total votes against the Act	Maj for	Maj against	DATE.
Kent, Ont.....	4868	1975	2893		January 15, 1885
Lanark, Ont.....	2438	2027	406		" 15, "
Lennox & Addington, Ont.....	2047	2011	36		" 15, "
Guelph, Ont.....	694	526	168		" 22, "
Carleton, Ont.....	2440	1747	693		" 29, "
Durham & Northumberland, Ont.....	6050	3663	2187		February 26, "
Elgin, Ont.....	4814	3835	1479		March 19, "
Lambton, Ont.....	4458	1546	2912		" 19, "
St. Thomas, Ont.....	754	743	11		" 19, "
Wellington, Ont.....	4516	3086	1430		April 2, "
Kingston, Ont.....	796	839		53	May 21, "
Frontenac, Ont.....	578	60	510		" 21, "
Lincoln, Ont.....	2060	1490	570		June 18, "
Perth, Ont.....	3368	3536		163	" 18, "
Middlesex, Ont.....	5745	2370	3375		" 18, "
Hastings, Ont.....	2369	2376		7	July 2, "
Haldimand, Ont.....	1755	2063		303	" 16, "
Ontario, Ont.....	3412	2061	1351		" 16, "
Victoria, Ont.....	2492	1477	1015		" 16, "
Peterborough, Ont.....	1915	1507	411		September 24, "
St. Catharines, Ont.....	473	1065		537	November 19, "
Russell and Prescott, Ont.....	1835	3131		1796	" 26, "

This gives us an aggregate result of the whole voting:—

Votes cast in favor of the Scott Act.....58,865
 Votes cast against the Scott Act.....42,834

Net majority in favor of prohibition.....16,031

Much assistance was given in these campaigns by the different officers of the Alliance, as well as by Mr. W. G. Fee, who personally superintended Scott Act work in fifteen of these contests. The Scott Act came into operation on the 1st day of May last in the Counties of Oxford, Simcoe, Huron, Bruce, Dufferin, Renfrew, Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry, and Norfolk, and a good deal of attention has been paid to its enforcement, with varying results. Owing to doubts as to whether the Ontario or Dominion Government had the right to issue licenses, the Ontario Government did not appoint commissioners and inspectors in any of the Scott Act counties, and the official enforcement of the law was left entirely in the hands of the Dominion authorities. In some places the law was well carried out but in others, owing to neglect or incompetency of those charged with enforcing it, its results were not all that could be desired.

A convention of workers was held in the city of Toronto on the 14th September to discuss the whole question of enforcement. It was very largely attended, and after a great deal of earnest and thorough discussion, a line of policy was adopted, which is set out in the following resolutions of the Convention:—

"That notwithstanding the great opposition in the counties to the operation of the Act, arising chiefly from those engaged in the liquor trade, and the lack of efficient and loyal officers to enforce the law, it has resulted in almost totally destroying the trading system, in largely decreasing the volume of drinking, and also decidedly decreasing crime.

"That the counties reporting the Act as successfully observed are those in which the officers zealously perform their duties, and in which the temperance people have efficient organization.