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## PROGRESS OF THE FIGHT.

Huntingdon and Chateauguy and Beauharnois to be Organized at once—Great Progress in Victoria and Essex—The Defeat in Missisquoi.

WELLINGTON.—This large county will have voted on the Scott Act before this reaches our readers, on Thursday, 2nd of April. The county has not been as thoroughly organized as it might have been, but a large majority of the inhabitants are known to favor the Act. Chicoutimi county, away by Lake St. John, votes one week later.

HUNTINGDON.—The *Gleaner* says it will not take part in the campaign because the Scott Act does not go far enough; it forgets the good old maxim—"half a loaf is better than no bread." Beauharnois county is making progress, the Oblate Fathers having induced many not only to take the pledge, but to get the municipal councils to close saloons. It is hoped that these two counties, as well as that of Chateauguy, will vote on the Scott Act in June next.

RICHMOND COUNTY—now under the Dunkin Act—is mentioned as the field for a near Scott Act campaign. The *Guardian* thinks the Act would carry in the whole county, though the town would probably give an adverse majority.

ONTARIO COUNTY has sent in her petitions, and has completed arrangements for an active campaign. The last week in May is suggested as the best time for a polling day.

HALDIMAND.—A South Cayuga delegate to the Scott Act convention at Hagersville was charged \$1 by a hotel-keeper for the feed of his horse, (hay only) for 22 hours; and the rummy boasted that he had done the same to another man. Haldimand, although only recently agitated on the matter, has already given more signatures to the petition than are necessary to bring in a vote.

VICTORIA.—A correspondent at Omamee, sending for campaign tracts, says: "The petitioners for the Scott Act are meeting with very good results in this township. A great deal more than the required number, I think, will be got. We have gone to work determined to give a larger majority for the Act in this county than has been given in any other."—In one issue of a Lindsay paper we see notices of Scott Act meetings in Eldon, Omamee, Ops and Mariposa. The petitions are being well signed, and leading farmers are giving in their intelligent adherence to the great cause.—The Hastings petitions are almost ready for the Government's inspection.

THE DEFEAT IN MISSISQUOI.—The Scott Act was defeated in this county by a majority of only 25. Although the priests expressed themselves in favour of the Act, the French-Canadian vote went largely on the other side. Farnham gave a majority of no less than 120 against the Act. But if more thorough work had been done in every part of the county, there is no doubt the majority would have been on the other side, and Missisquoi would not now possess the dishonourable reputation of having furnished the first victory to the rum trade this year.

The Cowansville *Observer's* correspondent at Mystic shows what the victors in this contest really are. He

Act, and 743 against. The Antis are going to ask for a second count of the votes; and the Scott Act men claim that if that is done the majority will be found larger than at present reported.

## NO ONE IN JAIL.

The *Times* of Kansas City, has the following from its correspondent at Liberty, a few miles away, in the neighbouring State of Missouri:

LIBERTY, CLAY CO, MO., Feb. 23.—The Hon. George W. Dunn is now here holding a term of the Clay County Circuit Court. Speaking of the docket, he said to the writer that he had been attending the courts of this circuit for a little more than forty-five years, twenty of the time in practice at the bar, seven years of the twenty he was circuit attorney, and twenty-five years of the forty-five he has been upon the bench, and that he never before attended a court in the circuit without finding a criminal "docket," but that at the present term of the Clay Circuit Court, which he is now holding, there is not a criminal prosecution pending against any person in Clay County, and no person is held in jail or under recognizance to answer to any indictment by the Grand Jury.

This is in "poor old Missouri," in Clay County, the "home" of the "James boys," and which gives at elections what is called a "beastly" Democratic majority of 2,500. *There is not a "saloon" in Clay County.* The people of the county are under "Prohibition," not from compulsion but from choice.

THE "BLACK HAND."—A correspondent at Summerside, Prince county, P.E.I., writes us:—David Kane, better known as the "Black Hand," is now in prison serving out his sentence for selling liquor in a place where no part of his person could be seen, except one of his hands, which had been blackened. Mrs. McGuigan is also an inmate of the same castle, paying the penalty for violating the Scott Act. A man who had been selling some liquor to men on the ice, while engaged at digging mussel-mud, was to-day taken by warrant and lodged in gaol to await his trial.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.—WAR NOTES will become part of the WEEKLY MESSENGER AND TEMPERANCE WORKER, which should be permanently taken by every friend of the temperance cause. Read "Advice to our Readers" in another column.

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ESSEX.—The prospects in Essex are encouraging, the cause gaining ground in Windsor and all over the county.

MIDDLESEX.—The West Riding Committee has received reports from the various townships showing complete organization and satisfactory prospects.

ST. JOHN COUNTY, N.B.—At a citizens' meeting, in Union Hall, town of Portland, the Rev. L. G. Stevens, Vicar of St. Luke's church, said that the Catholics were not a whit behind the Protestants in this effort to suppress the liquor traffic, but they should all work together. Mr. Stevens said, "If the Scott Act is once adopted, I believe that the church, with a united and courageous front, must, to a large degree, see to it that the law is enforced. Let each church furnish a good-sized committee of tried and trusted men, who will lend their aid in enforcing the law, and we shall have less trickery and less farce in the execution thereof. If our city and county vote no license, the temperance people, if well organized, can, by their vigilance, make the Scott Act virtually take the place and do the work of prohibition. If the Scott Act can for any reasonable length of time become a well executed law throughout the Dominion, it will be a long step toward constitutional prohibition. At this critical time there is need of our being united, tolerant, sagacious and courageous."

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—The license party have done their biggest, and they got 25 majority for a traffic that, in this town, within the last ten years, has killed five men, imprisoned one, and left fatherless thirty-three children; and this is but a small portion of the damage it has done. In Farnham the effects are even worse. Two victims have lost their lives since the snow fell, one of whom had left one thousand dollars in the bar room tills within a year, and all for what? Can any one tell any benefit arising from the traffic?"

The same paper editorially declares: "We have the satisfaction of knowing that the county will not be any the worse from having gone through the contest, and that some persons at least have been enlightened upon the working of the Act, and the temperance party are ready to go into another contest, as soon as the law will permit us to do so, with more courage and brighter hopes than when the preliminaries of the late contest were undertaken. We are ready for another fight on the same issue."

THE ST. THOMAS VICTORY.—The recent contest in St. Thomas brought out the largest number of votes ever polled in that city,—namely, 1522. In the mayoralty contest last year there were 1397, and the year before there were 1276. Not counting spoiled ballot papers, there were 1597 votes polled on the 19th,—754 for the Scott