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### ROLL UP THE MAJORITIES.

We expect to see every county in the Province of Ontario polled on the Scott Act. Our Parliament is pledged to give us total prohibition as soon as we can show that public sentiment would favor such action. We have undertaken to show this by means of the Scott Act. We have no doubt as to what the verdict of the people will be, but we want to have the practical demand for prohibition, which that verdict will make, as overwhelming as possible. The Scott Act will be carried, but it will not be enough to simply carry it. We want to record for it such majorities as will fairly represent the real sentiment of the community. Already the vote stands:—

For the Scott Act.....	49,103
Against the Scott Act.....	26,944
Majority in favor of prohibition .....	22,159

We want this majority vastly augmented both absolutely and proportionately to the whole vote. Victory is ours as far as the Scott Act is concerned, but we are fighting for a higher prize. We are looking toward a day when the liquor traffic shall be utterly abolished and destroyed. We cannot afford to lose a single pollable vote. Let all our workers rally for humanity and right, and strain every nerve to roll up the majorities.

### THE CHURCH AND THE CAUSE.

One of the most hopeful features of the earnest activity in the temperance ranks at the present time is the enthusiastic and solid support that the cause is receiving from nearly every branch of the Christian Church. To make this more clearly manifest, we annex a few extracts from some of the many official utterances that have recently been made on this question.

#### THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

No longer must the men chosen to enact or administer our laws cringe through fear of the saloon keepers, receive their inspiration from whiskey and beer elements in the population, and speak and act at the bidding of King Alcohol. No longer should the reins of authority and of government be intrusted to men who hold their caucuses around a saloon counter, and make their appointments to public offices at the bidding of saloon-keepers.—*Rev. Father Hagun, of Chicago.*

Yet all the time drunkenness is the most hateful and loathsome vice. No heart so hard as the man's who rolls his child to enrich his enemy. No man so frightfully cruel as the one who turns himself from a loving husband into a wolfish brute. No murders so cruel as those done upon friends, and sometimes upon kindred by half-drunken men. No music so sad as the heart-rending merriment of the saloon. No irony so devilish as that which calls joy the death-dance of immortal souls about the liquor-dealer's counter.—*Rev. Father Elliot.*

The Toledo Blade says of Father McMullen, that when he went to Richmond, Va., it contained thirty Irish saloon-keepers but now not one.

#### THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

We need a ministry that believes in Jesus Christ: a ministry baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire: a ministry courageous and outspoken for the truth: a ministry understanding the relative position of the church to the world: a ministry thoroughly alive to the great work of temperance reform. One of the great questions of the day, now thundering at our doors, which no sophistry can answer, and no indifference overlook, is that of the great subject of temperance in relation to the churches. In the face of the awful and acknowledged evils of the liquor traffic, the untold misery and horrible crimes everywhere resulting from it, it seems to me it is not merely wrong, but culpable in the extreme, for the church to stand apart in cold and haughty indifference. The liquor traffic, in the eloquent language of Mr. Gladstone, combines within itself the combined evils of war, pestilence and famine. The bitter cry of London, which has aroused the sympathy of England and quickened its pity into mighty activity, is only the same sad, bewailing cry that is rising up from every land, wherever this devastating traffic rolls onward on its course. Every day we ministers of religion meet it as the hindrance, not as the help, to the Redeemer's cause. We find it emptying our churches while it fills our jails: devastating our homes while it crowds our cemeteries: making the rich poor, the strong weak, the free slaves: demonstrating in every possible way that it is the most unbridled and ferocious ally that Satan ever employs to tempt the heart of man, or drag him downwards to his certain doom. In the face of these awful and admitted facts, who are the people to throw themselves athwart the path and stop, if possible, its way? Surely the members of that church which professes to be imbued with His spirit who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame.—*Address of the Bishop of Huron to his Synod.*

There are now in operation 52 branches in 48 parishes or missions. You will not grudge the few moments it will occupy to read the list of these parishes. In Toronto, 17, viz., St. James', St.