

YORK.—A representative and enthusiastic convention of the prominent temperance workers of York county was held under the auspices of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance in the Temperance Hall here to-day, to consider the propriety of submitting the Canada Temperance Act to the electors of the county. Among the delegates present were the following: Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of Dominion Alliance, Toronto; David Stouffer, Stouffville; Rev. J. C. Wilmott, Stouffville; Rev. P. G. Robertson, Aurora; D. P. Rupert, Maple; Rev. R. P. McKay, Agincourt; John Milne, Agincourt; Wm. Harrison, Richmond Hill; J. S. Stewart, Parkdale; C. McGinn, Wexford; R. E. Law, Richmond Hill; Rev. R. Stilwell, Wexford; and J. H. Sanderson, Richmond Hill. The convention was organized by the election of Mr. David Stouffer, of Stouffville, as chairman, and Mr. Sanderson, of Richmond Hill, as secretary. The Rev. Mr. McKay opened the meeting. The Secretary gave a short account of the circumstances under which the convention was called. The following delegates then gave short reports of the state of temperance work and sentiment in their localities, viz.: Messrs. Wilmott, Robertson, Rupert, McKay, Milne, Stewart, and McGinn. The reports were of the most encouraging character, nearly all expressing the opinion that the Scott Act could be carried in the county by a good majority. The following committees were then appointed: Organization—Rev. R. P. McKay, D. P. Rupert and John Milne. Resolutions—Rev. J. C. Wilmott, Stouffville; J. S. Stewart, Parkdale; and Rev. P. G. Robertson, Aurora.

The convention then adjourned till the afternoon.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

J. H. Stewart, Secretary of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following report:

1. Whereas the legalized liquor traffic is a standing menace to the moral and material welfare of the country. Resolved, that we form ourselves into a Scott Act Association for the County of York.

2. In view of the terrible evils resulting from the legalized traffic in intoxicating liquors, and believing the Canada Temperance Act of 1878 to be the best legislative measure within our reach to stem this tide of evil; be it therefore resolved that this Association take immediate steps for the submission of the Act to the electors of this county.

3. Recognizing with pleasure the great influence of women in the mighty battle with alcoholic liquors, and the good work accomplished by the temperance associations throughout the county, Therefore, be it resolved that this Alliance earnestly asks the hearty co-operation of W. C. T. U. as well as the various temperance organizations located in this county.

After some discussion the above resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of Dominion Alliance, addressed the Convention. In a short but eloquent address he briefly sketched the history of the Canada Temperance Act, giving its leading provisions and its way to submit it. At this stage the following telegram was sent to the Ontario Scott Act Association in session at Whitby:

The York Prohibitory Alliance sends greetings to the Ontario Alliance. See Jeremiah L. 20; I. Corinthians xvi. 13.

Rev. Mr. McKay, Chairman of the Committee on Organization, presented the following report:

Your Committee beg to present the following recommendations:

1. That this organization be known as the York County Prohibitory Alliance, and it shall be an auxiliary of the Dominion Alliance.

2. That the officers of this Alliance be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who, with three other persons elected for the purpose, shall constitute the executive of this Alliance.

3. That this Central Committee have a general supervision of the campaign throughout the whole county.

4. That this Convention appoint a Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer *pro tem* for each municipality, whose duties shall be to convene a convention for the election of permanent officers, and who with the executive shall constitute the Central Committee of the Alliance.

5. That the municipal officers have the supervision of the canvass in each municipality, and that they shall act in concert with the Executive Committee.

6. That this Convention recommend the appointment of a paid agent of the Alliance to work under the direction of the Executive Committee.

7. That the Convention recommend the collection of not less than \$2,000 to defray the expenses of the contest.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The following officers were elected:

President, J. Milne, Agincourt; Secretary, J. H. Sanderson, Richmond Hill; Treasurer, C. Doan, Aurora; Executive Committee—J. A. E. Wetzler, Wm. Harrison, and J. P. Rupert.

Vice-Presidents were then appointed in all the municipalities in the county.

After the transaction of some preliminary business the Convention adjourned at the call of the Executive at Aurora.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.—A mass meeting was held at Bowmanville on Wednesday evening. The Scott Act campaign in West Durham may fairly be said to be under way. The Town Hall was well filled, and on the platform were the Rev. Messrs. Young, Little, Sheppard, Dyke, Warriner, Dr. McLaughlin, M.P., and Mr. A. Barber, the latter gentleman occupying the chair. Addresses were given by the Rev. Messrs. Young, Little and Sheppard. The first speaker explained the Scott Act in its various provisions, showing the number of counties which had adopted it and its success wherever fairly tried, closing with a strong appeal on behalf of the Act. The Rev. Mr. Sheppard addressed the meeting on the social advantages of the Act, enunciating among other things, that our homes may be made happy, presenting some forcible and sad illustrations of ruined homes by the use of intoxicating liquors. He also uttered a note of warning regarding the dangers of the traffic to the young. The Rev. Mr. Little addressed the audience on the advantage of the Scott Act, presenting the question in three aspects—the industrious, the moral, and the religious. The rev. gentleman in eloquent words discussed the three points, showing the waste of time caused by drink, the ill-effect it had upon the morals of the people, quoting several telling points in this connection from Archdeacon Farrar's famous sermon, and closing by urging all lovers of the Saviour to support an Act which would, to a large extent, do away with the misery flowing from the traffic in intoxicating liquors. At the close of the meeting the Rev. Mr. Young moved, and Dr. McLaughlin, in a few words, seconded the following resolution, which was declared carried by a standing vote: "That as our Dominion Government has placed upon its statute book a temperance enactment, popularly known as the Scott Act, which, when passed, virtually amounts to prohibition; and as during the last five years, since this Act has been in force, it has been carried in thirty-four counties or cities of our Dominion, and has been found to be a decided success; and as its validity has been affirmed by the highest Court in the Empire, namely, the Privy Council of England, we are of the opinion that the time has come when, for the increased security and happiness of our country, this Act should be passed in these counties." The campaign thus having fairly opened, a committee consisting of Messrs. A. Barber, Bowmanville; James Rundle, Darlington; A. J. Reynolds, Hampton; Mr. Eddy, Newcastle; J. L. Powers, Cartwright, and G. Long, Orono, were appointed as a Central Committee, who will control the work. Evidences of earnest effort being put forth are already apparent, and there is but little doubt West Durham will carry their banner to victory.—*Globe*.

BRUCE.—A meeting for the purpose of organizing a Scott Act agitation in the county of Bruce was held in the Methodist church at Walkerton on Tuesday. Delegates attended from all parts of the county. Rev. Mr. Smyth occupied the chair.

Addresses were delivered by the chairman, Rev. Messrs. Coutts, Andrews, Green, Shortt, Dack, and Wardrope, Mr. Harris, of Teeswater, and several others. Resolutions were passed in favor of submitting the Act to a popular vote, and arrangements were made for meetings to be held throughout the county to ascertain the state of public feeling on the question. The convention adjourned to meet at Paisley on the 15th of July.

The officers appointed are Rev. Mr. Smyth, of Walkerton, president; Rev. Mr. Shortt, first vice-president; Mr. B. Mills, second vice-president; Rev. Mr. Coutts, secretary; Mr. Henry Bacon, treasurer, and a strong executive committee, representing all parts of the county.—*Mail*

ELGIN AND ST. THOMAS.—A convention of delegates called together by the Elgin branch of the Dominion Alliance for the purpose of discussing the advisability of submitting the Scott Act in the city of St. Thomas and the county of Elgin in the Royal Templars, of Temperance Hall, St. Thomas, on Friday last.

Delegates were present from nearly every municipality in the county, and the meeting was very enthusiastic. The large hall was