

## Campaign Everywhere.

**VICTORIA.**—The petition for this county was deposited in the office of the Sheriff at Lindsey, on Saturday last. It contains 2616 names, 537 more than the required number.

**HALTON.**—At a recent meeting of the Official Board of the Milton Methodist Church a very touching and complimentary address was unanimously adopted and presented to the Rev. D. L. Brethour, whose pastorate of the said church is just about terminating. Mr. Brethour's work in Halton has been a blessing to the temperance cause as well as to the church with which he was more particularly identified. We take much pleasure in quoting the following extract from the address:—

"The temperance cause, in this important crisis of its history, received from him invaluable counsel and work, in the pulpit, on the platform, and through the press. His antagonism to the liquor traffic in all its details made him a successful combatant in the Scott Act campaign. To him may be attributed, in no small degree, the victory of the memorable 9th of September, 1884. We thank God for the gift so timely loaned to us, and pray that all grace may abound to him, and his dear family, and that in all his future work a rich ingathering of souls may be his reward."

**SIMCOE.**—The reign of whiskey licenses in Orillia, which had lasted since the removal of the Indians, fifty years ago, ended on Thursday night, 30th of April, at 24 o'clock. Up to that hour, a large number of the votaries of Bacchus crowded round the bar, drinking, and "there was a sound of revelry by night." However, we believe very little damage was done, except to the votaries themselves. Some next day bore marks of conflicts, of which they were not so proud as our volunteers will be of those won in the Northwest; and beyond broken rest, no Scott Act supporter or total abstainer received any damage.

*First fruits of the Scott Act:*—A workman's wife in this town said to a neighbor: "Thank God for the Scott Act! Last Saturday night, for the first time since we came to this town, my husband brought home his wages, and the rent was paid out of it on Monday; and that is the first time it has been paid when it became due."—*Orillia Packet.*

**KINGSTON.**—As the election day draws nigh the contest waxes hotter and hotter. Immense meetings are being held and a strong force of workers is in the field. Rev. Leroy Hooker is president of the Association, and Mr. W. M. Robertson, secretary. Mr. Wm. Burgess, Prof. G. E. Foster, Mr. W. H. Howland, Rev. E. W. Sibbald, Mrs. Youmans and Mrs. Peck are here from outside and local workers are doing nobly everywhere. Organization is in good shape under management of Mr. W. G. Fee, who has planned so many successful campaigns.

There was an immense meeting for discussion in Kingston on Thursday evening of last week, Mayor Smitho presiding, and the temperance side was ably taken by Dr. Lavell, warden of the Penitentiary, who was opposed by Mr. John Mudie. A standing vote was taken at the close of the meeting, resulting in the endorsement of the Scott Act by a large majority of those present.

**HUNTINGDON.**—The campaign in this county is going on vigorously, as will be seen from the following notes clipped from last week's *Atl. Sun*:—

The local Scott Act Committee for the township of Hinchinbrook met at Herdman's Corners on Friday last. James Cameron, Esq., chairman, presided. With but one exception all the members of the committee were present,—this one, we might say, not having received the notice in time to enable him to do so.

After free interchange of opinion it was decided to put the petition into circulation as soon as voters' lists and other instructions could be got ready. Also, in the course of a few weeks to commence a series of public meetings throughout the township, when addresses will be delivered by experienced and talented speakers.

The committee adjourned fully impressed with the importance of the work they had undertaken, and as fully determined to push it to a successful issue.

A public meeting in favor of the Scott Act was held on Wednesday evening, in the Town Hall, Havelock. Mr. James Curran presided, and called upon Rev. A. Lee, the lecturer of the evening, to address the meeting. The lecturer expressed the satisfaction and pleasure it gave him to be present with them, after which he showed what we hope to gain from the passage of the Scott Act. First, to free the county from the evil of social drinking in taverns. Second, to remove temptation from our young people. Third, to abolish the traffic in strong drink as a beverage. Fourth, to bring our county into line with those counties that have passed the Act. He next showed the responsibility of each elector to further the good cause, and urged upon all friends of temperance to use their influence in rousing others to a pitch of enthusiasm to carry the Act. The chairman, Mr. Curran, stated to the meeting that the petitions had not yet been received, but when he received them he would call the committee together. The meeting was closed by the singing of the national anthem and the pronouncing of the benediction.

**WELLAND.**—The Scott Act convention called to meet at Welland assembled in the old Methodist church on Tuesday last. There was a good number of delegates present, those from Thorold being Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Dalgleish, Mrs. J. R. Swayze and Mr. J. H. Wilson.

The committee appointed at the preliminary meeting to work in conjunction with Mr. Huff, reported that thirty-one meetings were held, and four appointments cancelled. They also recommend that the work be continued. The report was adopted.

The meeting then duly formed itself into a county Scott Act association, and elected necessary officers.

Mr. Huff gave an account of his work since the last meeting; he had met

with much encouragement, and firmly believed that the Act could now be carried in the county by a majority of 500 votes.

Mr. J. G. Currie, who was present, gave a rousing address, telling how to manage the campaign, and urging them to raise at least \$1,000 for disbursements.

Other delegates made remarks as to the prospects in their several localities, there seeming to be a general feeling in favor of the submission of the Act.

A committee of management, consisting of several members, was appointed to perfect the organization throughout the county.

The meeting finally adjourned, to meet again in the same place on the 3rd Tuesday in June, when further action will be taken.—*Thorold Post.*

In the evening a mass meeting was held in the Disciples Church, the chair being occupied by Rev. Mr. Anderson, and an earnest and stirring address was delivered by Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Ont. Branch of the Dominion Alliance. The audience was very enthusiastic.

**HURON.**—In the days of the prophet of Nazareth the demons which he cast out left the tortured bodies with violence and hateful sounds; and so on Thursday of last week the evil spirit of public drinking left the body politic of the County of Huron with curses loud and deep, and yet at the same time revealed its real impotence and utter defeat.

On Thursday evening, as but a few hours existed between the day of license and the new era of prohibition, those in sympathy with the liquor party hung around the bar rooms, and liquor flowed freely. The amount of drunkenness witnessed by those who were around town late that night was appalling. Old men and young men, full of the cheap "house" staggered with yells and oaths, while here and there some poor wretch was laid out in the gutter as helpless as a stunned dog. It was a powerful temperance lecture.

About midnight a noisy group, most of them pretty full of the dregs of the bar room kegs, formed a line or circle, and led by a former vocalist, sang "Auld Lang Syne" to an empty whiskey jug, as the night of licensed tippling broke into the day of local prohibition and sobriety.

During the night fights were frequent, and some drunken fellows plugged one another, giving vent to awful oaths, on West street for nearly an hour.

A number of fellows who were able to keep their legs, and had begged, borrowed or stolen some crape and old pieces of black lining, went around the town, and had an hilarious time of it bedecking the trees of the square, the lamp-posts, and the doors of prominent Scott Act men who happened to be Reformers, with crape. The scene next morning, with pieces of black flying from every quarter was a gloomy one. The whiskey party had actually gone to its own funeral!

The Signal office was honored by a black bottle, redolent of whiskey and wrapped with crape, being tied on its door knob. But the thirsty fellows in their greed had emptied the bottle first. A friend of ours who in passing at early morn tore down the insignia of grief, but we had rather he had left it. It is always a compliment to be insulted by the whiskey gang.

The scene was funeral, with the yards of cheap crape and dress lining flapping mournfully all about the square, while an empty demijohn hung at half-mast from the court-house flag pole. And as we believed that every man in a free country should have a choice of the colors he would fly, and the day should be one of rejoicing rather than of sorrowing, we hoisted seven bright little union jacks, and nailed them over head. The drooping spirit of some of our anti-friends immediately revived, although the cheap crape and dress linings seemed to say "This is a funeral for whiskey after all."

Already the friends of the Act see much cause for rejoicing. A butcher told us that on Saturday night men who had formerly left 10c. with him for a bit of cheap meat, entered his shop and bought 60c. worth for Sunday's dinner, no 50c. bottle of whiskey being in their pockets.

The Scott Act deserves the unwavering and courageous support of every good man.—*Huron Signal.*

**RENFREW.**—So far as town talk affords an indication, the majority of those in this village who have hitherto sold liquor under license, are accepting the altered condition of affairs under the Scott Act—however unwelcome—without attempting to violate it. No doubt, however, they have temptations enough to do so, as customers would not be wanting. If current rumours are correct, the thirsty ones are trying all sorts of dodges to procure liquor from the doctors or druggists. The number of wives and mothers who have been suddenly taken sick and may die if their affectionate husbands and sons do not get back in a hurry with liquor, is, this week, already quite surprising. Their touching appeals to those who could supply the specially desired liquid relief have not, however, been successful; any more than those of the fortunate whose ailments have necessitated applications on their own account. They had to bear their afflictions as best they could—and go without their desired comforter. They will find out that they can manage to struggle along, and survive their enforced abstinence.

Pembroke, however, is excited over the detection of the first violation of the Scott Act in that vicinity. It appears that a thirsty individual, living at no great distance from the town, went to a druggist—who is not licensed to sell liquor—and procured some "medicine," in the shape of a bottle of highwines, into which some gum was put, to make the mixture do duty as a prescription. Unfortunately, the purchaser did not wait till he got home to test the beneficial effect of the medicine; but tasted it too soon, imbibed too much, and exhibited symptoms of intoxication while still within the limits of the corporation. Inquiries followed with the result, we understand, that information was obtained as to where the liquor was procured.—The alleged vendor, we hear, was to be favoured with an introduction to the Police Magistrate on Thursday, to show cause why he should not pay the fine, which, it will be claimed, he has rendered himself subject to.—*Renfrew Mercury.*

The good people of Renfrew village celebrated the coming of the Scott Act into operation by a grand concert in the Renfrew Model School Hall. The audience was very large and all the proceedings enthusiastic. One of the most interesting features of the entertainment was the presentation to Mr. W. E.