

lying document has been put into circulation, purporting to be signed by Sir Leonard Tilley, one of our warmest friends; there has not been a Scott Act contest in this Province in which some of us have not been misrepresented and traduced, but such tactics have been and will be miserably ineffective. Theft, slander, outrage, forgery, all will not avail to keep in power the unjust and unholy license system, because an earnest people, in righteous determination, have decided that "the liquor traffic must go."

The Toronto police have got back from Michipicoten, bringing with them the ringleaders of the mob of illicit whiskey-peddlers that were defying all law and imperilling the lives of the community. Our Government sanctioned the manufacture of the liquor, and collected a duty upon it, then a whole local population is terrorized by the rowdies who undertake its retail distribution, and we are compelled to send an armed force to stop the retail sale of an article whose manufacture and wholesaling we sanction and license. It is right to put down the illegal sale, but it was wrong to sanction the legal manufacture. There would have been no need of terror and rifles and expense at Michipicoten if their had not been whiskey for the roughs to peddle. If these rascals had been licensed, neither they nor their whiskey would have been one whit improved. The whole thing is bad. Let us have total prohibition.

THE U. S. ELECTION.

The Presidential election is yet undecided. Each of the rival candidates claim to be the choice of the people. We hear very little said of the Prohibition candidate, Gov. St. John, but the present state of affairs would indicate that his candidature has so completely disrupted the Republican party as to give the election to the Democrats. St. John has polled nearly 200,000 votes; about 25,000 of these were in New York State, and would nearly all have been cast for Blaine had St. John not been in the field. If Cleveland is elected, the Republicans are beaten, because they have been deserted by the Prohibitionists, who have thus unmistakably shown that they hold the balance of power. The Prohibitionists did not want to have Cleveland President, but they could not conscientiously stand by a party that laughed at them and their earnest pleadings for protection against the terrible curse of a legalized liquor traffic. The Prohibitionists will never be laughed at again. The Republican party has learned that it cannot do without the best men of the land, and that the best men of the land will not support it till it ceases to support the liquor traffic. The "best men" have shown their strength, and, whichever way the present contest is decided, a moral victory will have been won. Perhaps the national calamity and disgrace of having as Chief Magistrate such a libertine as Cleveland is shown to be, will be compensated for by a national stride towards the recognition of the grand principles of the men who have "come out" and repudiated all partnership in a party that will have any partnership with evil.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

We are rapidly approaching the time for our annual municipal elections, and our friends must not let the Scott Act agitation drive out of their mind their duty in this other important field of work. In the hands of our Municipal Councils is a great deal of power in regard to the curtailment of the liquor traffic. In Ontario the Municipal Council has power, within certain limits, to fix the license fees, to fix the amount of hotel accommodation required, to limit the number of licenses and in various other ways regulate (?) the retail sale of liquor. Again in counties where the Scott Act is in operation, the duty of supplying for its enforcement is, to a certain ex-

tent, imposed upon our Municipal Council. It therefore behoves us to see that we have in power men who are thoroughly in sympathy with the progressive spirit of our country in regard to the temperance question; we need such men in every place in which the Scott Act is in force, and we need them in every place where the Scott Act is not in force. We must look well after the enforcement of the advanced legislation that we have fought so hard to secure. We want municipal legislators upon whom we can depend. Not simply men who have become temperance men to win an election, but men who have been proved and found reliable. Said a great American general, when his army was in a very critical position, "Put none but Americans on guard to-night. Victory sits upon our banners; we are marching from conquering on to conquer;" but we are in a critical position; we have opposed a wily and unscrupulous foe, and now as we lay our plans for the further campaign we must see also to the complete security of every inch of the ground that we have so dearly won. Better pause in our progress to fortify our centres of occupation, than have to lose more time by going over the ground again. Let us at once select and determinedly work for temperance candidates for every elective position, taking as our watchword the motto:—PUT NONE BUT PROHIBITIONISTS ON GUARD FOR 1885.

NO PARTYISM IN OUR WORK.

A contemptible trick is being played by whiskey-ring wire-pullers in an attempt to make the public believe that there is some partyism, or some connection with the political controversy between Conservatives and Reformers, in the present Scott Act agitation. We are very sorry to see that some journals are taking part in this unworthy business, notwithstanding its transparent flimsiness and manifest meanness. There could not be anything further from the truth than the statement that the Scott Act agitation is a partizan movement. The president of the Dominion Alliance, Hon. A. Vidal, is a most prominent Conservative Senator. The president of the Ontario Branch is the Hon. S. H. Blake, an equally pronounced Reformer. The Scott Act was passed at a time of Reform ascendancy in the House of Commons. It has been amended and improved with Conservatives in power. Some members of the present Government are, we are happy to say, among our warmest friends, and some, we regret to add, among our determined opponents, but there is no partyism in the predilections of either class. Our cause is a great moral enterprise, in the advocacy of which Conservatives and Reformers go hand in hand, and against which are arrayed all the sordid and unworthy elements of society—those in power as well as those in opposition. Nothing would better suit these opponents better than an opportunity to cause disunion among our ranks, but we are too solidly in earnest to be divided or affected by such contemptible dodges.

Campaign News.

ESSEX.—Dr. J. N. Cadieux, the well known scientific temperance lecturer, has been doing good work in this county. He will shortly visit other parts of Ontario, and cannot fail to materially assist the Scott Act cause. The friends here are hard at work, and hope to free Essex from the curse of a licensed liquor traffic.

DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.—A letter from Mr. W. Smith, secretary of the Scott Act Association for this county, writes us that he has again filed in the Sheriff's office the necessary petition. It is larger, by a great deal, than the former one, which was mutilated, containing 4,850 signatures. Mr. Smith says:—"I have taken the precaution to place it on roller in a box with a glass lid, the said box fastened down to the counter by two clamps, and