

Scott Act agitation. The convention of the Ontario Branch, held on the 25th of March, warmly endorsed this proposed policy, and arrangements were made for a prompt and energetic campaign. Before we had completed our arrangements for the submission of the Scott Act in the different Counties selected, the liquor party managed to precipitate a repeal vote in Halton; but their most desperate efforts utterly failed, and Ontario's banner County sustained the Scott Act by a majority of more than double that by which it was first secured. This advantage was followed up, and in 1884, besides the struggle in Halton, there were thirteen other contests in this Province. Out of these we carried ten, our smallest majority in any case being 602; while the largest majority of the Anti-Scott Act party was 194. The aggregate vote in these fourteen Counties was: In favor of the Act, 43,953; against, 32,967. Total majority for the Act, 10,693. Since the commencement of the present year we have had another instalment of glorious victories, carrying four of our best Counties, with an aggregate majority of about 3,500 votes. Our Province has thirty-eight Municipal Counties and ten cities, making, in all, forty-eight Scott Act divisions; and there are only eight of these in which campaigns have not yet been inaugurated.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Early in the year the Toronto Auxiliary of the Alliance was merged into this branch, the Executive Committee of that body being added to the Ontario Branch Executive, and the funds of the Auxiliary were made over for our use. This generous action of the Toronto friends has helped us materially in our finances, and has given us a much stronger central organization. There have been eleven meetings of the Executive, with an average attendance of nine members. The Secretary's services were given free, but the Alliance hired a clerk to assist him, and he was thus enabled to visit different parts of the Province and take part in most of the Scott Act contests. Special efforts were made to have a well-posted representative of the Alliance at nearly every meeting of the inauguration of work, and by this means many mistakes and delays were avoided. Advice upon many legal points was obtained by the Executive, and furnished without charge to the workers in different Counties. In this connection, the Executive would express their great indebtedness to the eminent professional gentlemen who have kindly and freely given their assistance in this important matter. The total work performed by the Alliance during the year has cost less than \$650, including all office expenses, travelling expenses, and the circulation of literature.

LITERATURE.

The furnishing of literature during the past year has been done almost entirely by the Citizen Publishing Company. It was decided at the last Convention to furnish the "Canada Citizen" free to subscribers to the Alliance funds of \$150 and upwards. This paper, edited by the Alliance Secretary, has been doing a great work during the year. It has scattered over the country in its own circulation, exclusive of all advertising matter, about one and a quarter millions of pages of carefully prepared Temperance and Scott Act literature. The company has also issued seventy thousand copies of the "Scott Act Herald," and has furnished campaign literature, including correct legal forms, etc.

F. S. SPENCE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH.

The first event of importance since the last annual meeting was the death of one of the founders of this Branch, Avard Longley, of Paradise, a Vice-President of the Dominion Alliance, and an active member of the Executive of this Branch. He died at his residence in February last, on his sixty-first birthday. As a temperance man, an enterprising citizen, and a Christian, his loss has been deeply felt. Suitable memo. on his death was transmitted to his family.

The next event was the decision of Judge Thompson, of the Supreme Court, to the effect that as there was no date fixed for the "Canada Temperance Act, 1878," to go into operation in such counties where licenses were not granted, the Act was not legally in force in the counties where it had been adopted. In my report to the Secretary (acting) of the Dominion Alliance, soon after our last annual meeting, I