

Campaign Everywhere.

SIMCOE.—The Scott Act, which went into force last Friday, had good effect on Saturday. Among the large crowds in town not a drunken man was to be seen. Vigilance Committees are formed for every municipality, and liberal rewards are offered for information that will lead to the conviction of violators of the Act.—*Globe*.

HALTON.—The County Council has voted \$600 to have the Scott Act enforced. The Council finds it pays to do so, for in 1880, under license, \$583.14 was spent on the poor of one township, that of Esquesing. In 1884, under the Scott Act, only \$135.55 was spent in the same township.—*Weekly Messenger*.

PERTH.—It is to be hoped that the Dominion Government will order the vote to be taken in this county on the Scott Act some time before the end of the century; although from present appearance it seems to be waiting until that time comes. The "city" of Stratford will be included in the county in the taking of the vote, but should a majority of the electors of the "city" be against the Act, then the Act will, of course, not come into force in that municipality.—*St. Mary's Argus*.

RENFREW.—In anticipation of the coming in force of the Scott Act this week, whiskey has been flowing very freely for the last few days, and the evidences of this are numerous. Besides a number of fights between some of the Polish residents, and the arrest and trial of some of them, many others have been incapably drunk on the streets—some so paralyzed with the stuff that they were not even able to hold themselves up against the telegraph posts; and there has also been a steady stream of stone jugs and bottles out of the whiskey shops. Fortunately, those who rapidly drink up the stock now laid in will have to look elsewhere for their supplies hereafter, and it remains to be seen how many will go to the trouble to import it, and take upon themselves the responsibility of placing temptation in the way of their families, when they consider the matter in their sober senses.—*Renfrew Mercury*.

TORONTO.—The Lainson Company of Jubilee Singers were present at the usual 5c. concert of the West End Christian Temperance Society on Saturday evening. A good crowd turned out to hear them. Their melodies were excellent, and Mr. Lainson in his rendition of "See how a Christian can Die." proved himself possessed of fine musical attainments. Songs were sung by others present, and several recitations were also given, all of which were highly appreciated by the audience.

There was a good attendance at the Occident Hall on Sunday afternoon, at the experience meeting of the above Society. Considerable disappointment was felt at the absence of Mr. F. S. Spence, who had been announced to speak on the occasion, but this feeling speedily gave way to sympathy when the Chairman, Mr. Farley, explained that family bereavement prevented that gentleman from keeping his appointment. He assured the meeting however that Mr. Spence would be on hand on Sunday next. Short and spirited addresses were given by Messrs. Hanna, Thompson, Dr. Ryder, Ritchie and others.

The remarks of the Doctor met with warm opposition. He indiscreetly insinuated that some of the fair sex who were professed temperance women kept liquor in their closets. This assertion was indignantly repudiated by lady members of the society, and to prove more conclusively that such a state of things did not exist with the ladies connected with the West End Christian Temperance Society, Mr. Farley asked those present to state whether or not it was true. All the ladies in the hall indicated by their uplifted hands that they had remained true to their pledge.

The Young People's Association in connection with the above Society, will give a free concert in their hall, on Brock street, on the 15th. An excellent programme is being prepared.

Never Failing Lodge, No. 182 I. O. G. T., meets every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, in the Forrester's Hall, corner Carlton avenue and Queen street. The Lodge commenced under very unfavorable circumstances, but latterly it has struggled into better existence, and, at present, is getting along very well. At the returns for February quarter there were forty members. During the intervening nine weeks thirty more members have been added to the roll. The Lodge intends having an entertainment on the 26th inst. A good programme will be provided.

OXFORD.—Dear Sir,—Whiskey died hard in this county. The last few hours of the licensed liquor traffic were strikingly characteristic—the ruling passion strong in death. All over the county wherever there was a tavern there was last Thursday night an amount of drinking, cursing, and fighting that was simply terrible. It was pandemonium let loose. However, Friday, 1st of May, came, and with it the Scott Act. And now, speaking for Woodstock only, (as I have not heard from other places) I believe the law has been strictly observed. Saturday was our weekly market day, and there was a very large number of people here, but I have yet to hear of the first man who showed any sign of having tasted liquor. I know some who that day went home sober the first time for six years. So far, all, including the great majority of those who opposed the passing of the Act, seem glad of the change. I trust this happy state of affairs may long continue. We shall see. Accommodation for man and beast the same as before, with, in some cases, a slight advance in price. A juvenile friend has just handed me the following lines:—

It is May, it is May,
And all the earth is gay.
For at last old whiskey is quite away.
He lingered too long with his crime and woe,
Till the Scott Act gave him his final blow;
He felt it, and made no longer stay.
And now it is May, it is May

Woodstock, May 4th, 1885.

W. A. McKAY.

OXFORD.—The Oxford Temperance Association met on Tuesday of last week, in St. Andrew's Church, Ingersoll, Rev. W. A. McKay, B.A., President, in the chair. There was a good representation of members from all parts of the county. Arrangements were completed for the thorough enforcement of the law when it comes into force on the 1st of May. Great dissatisfaction was expressed at the appointment by the Commissioners of men as vendors under the Scott Act who are not druggists, and not in sympathy with the law. The conduct of the commissioners is regarded as a deliberate attempt to bring the law into contempt. The following resolution on the matter was unanimously passed:—

"Whereas a report has reached this Association that others than regularly qualified druggists have received licenses under the Canada Temperance Act, even in those places where no necessity existed for such appointments, and whereas respectable druggists had made proper application in such places and were refused, preference being given to grocers and others contrary to the spirit and intention of the Act. And whereas several petitions were presented prior to the appointments of this Board by the residents of the county, and from the different branches of this Association, requesting that licenses be strictly confined to druggists, which requests have been refused. Therefore resolved, That this Association protests against the serious departure from the spirit if not the letter of the law, and hereby respectfully instruct their commissioners, so that in future no such flagrant violations of the spirit and intent of the law shall be permitted."

The President addressed the meeting at length on the desirability of complete and efficient organization for the enforcement of the Act. He recommended that in addition to local committees one or more officers should be appointed to supplement the efforts of the government inspectors in this direction. In accordance with this recommendation four such officers were appointed, two in each riding, and provision was made for their remuneration.

On motion it was decided that as a certain proportion of fines inflicted for violation of the Scott Act goes into the hands of the Treasurer of the several municipalities of the county, these municipalities should be requested to set aside such funds for the enforcement of the said Act, and also to place part of the same at the disposal of this Association to be used for this purpose. The Association adjourned to meet in Woodstock on the call of the chair.

BRUCE.—On Wednesday of last week a largely attended, harmonious and successful Scott Act Convention was held in Ripley, when an Association was formed for the West Riding of this county. The convention was called in pursuance of a resolution passed at the general convention for the county held in Paisley on 21st inst., providing for the formation of an association for each riding. A large number of the most prominent and influential clergymen and laymen from the western section of the county were present.

After preliminary exercises and explanations by the Provisional President, Rev. D. Cameron, an Association was formed and the following officers elected: President, Rev. D. Cameron, Lucknow; Secretary, D. E. Cameron, Lucknow; Treasurer, J. H. McHardy, Lucknow; Vice-Presidents—Kinloss, John Nichols; Huron—James McLeod; Kincardine township—Lachlan Bell; Bruce township—John McEwen, Saugeen—John Pierson; Kincardine town—Ira J. Fisher; Lucknow—James Somerville, M.P.; Tiverton—John Pollard.

The different Vice-Presidents are expected to co-operate with temperance societies, temperance workers and clergymen in their respective municipalities with a view to the holding of public meetings in every school and neighborhood during the ensuing two or three months for the purpose of stirring up popular sentiment in favor of the due enforcement of the Act. For the meetings the best available speaking talent will be obtained, and it is hoped this important resolution of the Association will be promptly acted upon by those concerned.

A delegation consisting of J. H. McHardy and D. E. Cameron, of Lucknow; and Ira J. Fisher, of Kincardine, was appointed to wait upon the County Council at its June session, to urge the passage by that body of a resolution requesting the Government to appoint a Police Magistrate for the county. The convention pronounced in favor of having the appointment conferred upon Jos. Barker, of Kincardine. It is expected that the other riding association will appoint similar delegations.

It was also decided to hold a grand temperance demonstration in Kincardine on Dominion Day at which prominent speakers will be present.

Mr. Angus Stewart, the present efficient Inspector under the Crooks' Act, and Mr. John Pratt, of Kincardine, were appointed public prosecutors.

Further important business was transacted, and a most satisfactory convention adjourned to meet at the call of the President. The next meeting will be held in Kincardine.—*Lucknow Sentinel*.

Some of the hotel keepers in this county are evidently taking a common sense view of the situation. Witness the following from the *Bruce Telescope*:—"Mr. J. J. Tuck, the well-known and popular proprietor of Tuck's hotel, Cranbrook, township of Grey, one of the oldest and best kept hotels in Western Ontario, issues a circular to his patrons, from which we extract the following manly and commendable paragraph:—"In thanking you for the past favors I would respectfully intimate that in accordance with the Canada Temperance Act after the 30th inst., no intoxicating liquors will be sold in our hotel. After that date the bar will be supplied with the choicest temperance beverages and the finest brands of imported and domestic cigars, but strong drinks will positively not be sold. No advance will be made in rates, and farmers and travellers will find comfortable accommodations at this house as heretofore at moderate charges."

IOWA.—We are frequently asked by our Illinois friend, whether "prohibition prohibits." Yes, it does prohibit, and is just as well enforced in the city of Des Moines to-day as any criminal law. Do not infer from this that we are lax in the enforcement of all law, for such is not the case. Hardly a city in the West of this size is as peaceful and orderly. One year ago we had sixty saloons in full blast, each paying \$1,000 a year license. To-day we have not an open saloon. What liquor is sold is sold secretly, just as any other law is violated under cover.