In New York he became an officer in the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance, and when, later on, he made the city of Toronto his home, he transferred his allegiance to the Order here, he rose rapidly in the favor of his brethren. He was made Grand Worthy Associate, and in 1882 his services were recognized by his being elected Grand Worthy Patriarch for Ontario, a position which he held for two years, during which time the Order nearly doubled its membership. For his services he received the warmest thanks of the Grand Division at its recent session at Kingston.

He has also been for many years an officer of the Dominion Alliance; he was secretary of the association that conducted the successful campaign against grocers' licenses in Toronto last year; he was a prominent figure in the York County and Toronto Dunkin Act contests; and he has been for a number of years a member of the Board of Directors of the Toronto Temperance Reformation Society. He is a member of Erskine Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. John Smith, an enthusiastic prohibitionist, is pastor. His home is on Magill Street in this city, and his children, one daughter and two sons, are as strict tectotalers as their parents.

A successful business man in the wholesale fruit and oyster trade, and an active politician, Mr. McMillan has the esteem and confidence of a great number of our best citizens, as was well shown in his recent election as Alderman for St. James' Ward, one of the most wealthy and intelligent of Toronto's civic divisions, and this, notwithstanding the determined and bitter opposition of the liquor faction. As yet, comparatively a young man, our esteemed friend has, we trust, a long and useful future before him. We wish him all that extensive recognition and success that public men of his merits ought to have.

## THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

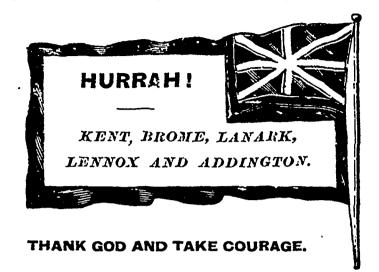
Francis Sidney, who burned the barns of two Halton County constables, at the instigation of some whiskey sellers, has pleaded guilty, and been sentenced to the penitentiary for five years. It is to be hoped that the scoundrels who employed him will also be punished. Since the commencement of the Scott Act agitation, there have been perpetrated by the liquor party a series of the most infamously malicious outrages, against prominent temperance workers. Theft, slander, perjury and arson are some of the methods of warfare of a system that actually has the audacity to ask an insulted public to vote for its perpetuation. The real character of the rum business is every day becoming more manifest. Over blasted characters, bleeding victims, ruined homes and broken hearts, it marches on in violence and pride. We speak in no exaggerated or figurative strain. No day goes by without its heart-rending repetition of appalling suffering, sorrow and crime. Yet men hesitate about the position they are to assume in relation to this curse of our country, this disgrace of our boasted civilization, this living lie to our professions of a beneve ent and Christian form of Government. We actually elect to Parliament men who live by this nefarious traffic. and who prostitute the sacred trust committed to them, by using their official position to promote the interests of the whiskey trade. and thwart the efforts of those who, in carnest loving sympathy for suffering humanity, are enacavoring to rid us of this deadly plague. The time has come for something more practical than emasculated resolutions, and political dodgin, of the responsibility that rests upon our legislators. We have true friends in Parliament now, let us back them by a clear, and definite demand, for immediate total prohibition. Our legislators must either face the emergency in which our country is placed, or give way to men who will. .

By inadvertence we stated last week that the Scott Act went into operation in King's Co., P.E.I., in 1879. The Act did not go into operation in any part of the province until May 1st, 1880.

### ANOTHER BATCH

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# GLORIOUS VICTORIES.



Full reports of yesterday's voting have not reached us as we go to press, but we have learned enough to know that in the four contests we have not had a single defeat. Kent heads the glorious list with the magnificent majority of over two thousand. 1885 has opened auspiciously for our cause, and with earnest and determined effort we may hope for a year of success such as Canada has never before seen. Our friends have done nobly; but in one of the contests our cause has had a very narrow escape. Let us bend to our work again with grateful hearts, and renewed diligence. "We thank God and take courage." Below are the majorities indicated by returns so far received:—

## MAJORITIES FOR

Kent2	,012
Lanark	412
Lennox and Addington	• 8
Brome	547
• With four places to	hear from

The Convention of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance on the 20th and following days, bids fair to be of unusual magnitude and interest. Delegates and members are urged to make arrangements to attend the full time of the meeting, as every session will be of importance. See programme on page 339.

#### POLLINGS FIXED.

Guelph .......Jan. 22 | Carleton......Jan. 29

Durham & Northumberland.......Feb. 27.

#### THE DOMINION LICENSE ACT.

Our readers will remember that some months ago the Ottawa Government submitted to the Supreme Court the question whether the Dominion License Act, commonly known as the McCarthy Act, was constitutional. The Act professes to supersede the Provincial license laws, and provides for the issuing of five kinds of licenses, viz,: hotel, saloon, shop, vessel and wholesale licenses. On Monday last the Supreme Court rendered its decision to the effect that the Act was invalid in so far as it related to hotel, saloon, and shop licenses, and valid only so far as it related to vessel and wholesale licenses.