

WELLINGTON.—The campaign in this county is being pushed vigorously. Excellent workers are in the field. Hon. Ansley Gray last week lectured in the Drill Shed, Arthur, in support of the Scott Act. The audience was the largest that ever assembled to hear a temperance address in Arthur. Mr. Gray's address was loudly applauded. On Saturday evening the same gentleman lectured to the young people. The Drill Shed was crowded, and those who were fortunate enough to get in listened to one of the most eloquent lectures ever heard in Arthur. The Scott Act people, who were greatly discouraged because of the delay in sending the petition to Ottawa, have taken fresh courage and will push the work with renewed zeal. Meetings are to be held in all the country churches and school houses. Wellington expects to carry the Act by a large majority.

KENT.—The quarterly meeting of the County Temperance Association, formed a year ago to conduct the Scott Act campaign, held in the club rooms last week, was well attended, nearly all the municipalities in the county being represented, and the enthusiasm displayed augurs well for the result of the contest on the 15th prox. Rev. Wm. King, Vice-President, occupied the chair, and Rev. E. E. Scott, of Charing Cross, was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. After prayer by Mr. Scott, the roll being called, about 75 delegates answered to their names, and large additions were made during the progress of the meeting. On motion of Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Gardiner, Mr. H. F. Cumming was re-elected President. Rev. Wm. King was re-elected Vice-President by acclamation, as was also Mr. Gardiner, the Treasurer. Rev. George Brown, of North Chatham, was elected Secretary. The Executive and Finance committees were re-appointed. The former comprises all the ministers of the county, with some twenty active workers selected from the various municipalities, who will map out a general plan for the campaign, arrange for meetings in the several localities and secure speakers.

The Finance Committee reported that the amounts assessed on the several municipalities at the June Session would be promptly raised, now that the doubt as to the submission of the Act had been removed. In several cases, one or two friends in a Township had by a few hours' personal canvass raised a large portion of the amount. The general report was that the people gave willingly, and that there need be no apprehension of a lack of funds necessary for campaign operations.

Mr. Ward, of Camden, and others, referred to the rumor industriously circulated of late, that the anti-Scott Act party had resolved to let the vote go by default, and warned temperance people against the trap so skillfully set. The "Antis" had fought bitterly so far, and would do so to the end; the rumor set afloat was an attempt to lull temperance workers into a false security, in the hope that a victory might be gained thereby.

In the afternoon, the meeting was more of an informal character, the securing of lecturers, holding of meetings, personal canvassing, circulation of literature, and other important matters being discussed: and it was finally resolved to leave the entire management of the campaign, financial and directory, in the hands of the Executive Committee, composed of all the ministers of the town, and Messrs. Jas. Banning, Jas. Gardiner, K. Urquhart, T. H. Taylor and Richard Young.

At the suggestion of Mr. Allin, votes of thanks were tendered to the county papers, that had rendered such signal service to the cause during the campaign, to the W.C.T.U., and the president of the Association, Mr. H. F. Cumming, after which the meeting adjourned.—*Chatham Banner*.

HUNTINGDON, QUE.—From our eastern exchanges we learn that this county is about to form into line. Initiatory steps are about to be taken at once. A delegate convention comprising representatives from the various temperance organizations in the county will be held shortly after the new year.

CHATEAUGUAY, QUE.—At a meeting of the Alliance in this county at Ormstown, the question of entering upon a Scott Act campaign was considered, and it was decided only to undertake it if the adjoining counties of Huntingdon and Beauharnois should co-operate with a view to carrying the law in the entire district. We see that Huntingdon is listening to the Scott Act guns booming and carrying the day, and is considering the advisability of entering on the fight, so that Chateaugay will not be left to fight alone. The

Bethel Division of the Sons of Temperance in Chateaugay also held a meeting, when the battle-cry against liquor, started by Mr. W. McNaughton and others was heartily joined in by the large audience.—*War Notes*.

INDIANA.—At the late annual meeting of the Philanthropic Union of the Society of Friends, William C. Starr, of Indiana, is reported as saying: In Indiana we have in nineteen counties 1,128 saloons, and in nine counties we have no saloons. In the nineteen counties there is one prisoner to every seventy-two voters, in the nine counties one for every seven hundred and twenty voters—being ten times as many where liquor is sold." This is striking testimony as to the relation of the saloon system to crime. What is true of Indiana in this respect is essentially true elsewhere where ever liquor saloons abound—to lessen crime, and the suffering and the grievous burdens which it imposes, spread total abstinence truths and close the saloons.—*National Temperance Advocate*.

General News.

CANADIAN.

An order in Council has been passed declaring the Canada Temperance Act in force in the County of Simcoe.

The Scott Act petition for the city of St. Thomas and the county of Elgin were filed in the sheriff's office, St. Thomas, at ten o'clock Saturday morning; that for the city containing 626 and that for the county 2,563 signatures.

On Monday last, a Mrs. Sentenne, while in the act of taking an infant to the font of St. Bridget's church, Montreal, to be baptized, dropped down and expired, it is believed, from heart disease.

At Chatham, on Saturday night about ten o'clock, a farmer named Wm. Souile, while intoxicated, drove over Piggott's dock into the river, drowning his two horses and barely escaping himself.

At Montreal, a youth of nine years, named LaBelle, died suddenly and the coroner's jury returned a verdict that his disease was caused by excessive use of tobacco, the nicotine poison getting into his system.

Wm. Long, an old resident of Sherbrooke, and a large furniture manufacturer, hanged himself on Saturday last in the attic of his warehouse. When found the body was frozen stiff, the feet resting on the floor. Deceased had attempted to drown himself a short time previously.

UNITED STATES.

Mrs. Phillips, aged 96, who lived alone in a cabin on Pawtucket road, near Providence, R.I., was frozen to death on Friday night.

At Alleghany City, on Dec. 21st, policeman Snyder shot and killed Wm. Rice, a bricklayer, who attempted to rescue a friend who had been arrested.

A schooner loaded with slabs, supposed to be an English vessel, name unknown, went ashore on Beach Island, Me., on the night of Dec. 21st, and became a total wreck. Her crew are supposed to be lost.

At Chatata, N.Y., on the 19th, a crowd of drunken roughs attempted to break up a school entertainment. A pitched battle ensued, and three men were shot, one named Hall four times. Ten were stabbed, and a great number badly beaten. Great excitement prevails.

Latest accounts from Brooklyn state that twenty victims in all have been recovered from the burned Orphans' Home at that place, but it is feared that many more are covered by the debris. Twenty more orphans are still unaccounted for, but it is believed they have escaped.

At Williamsburg, Pa., two large tanks of naphtha oil were from some unknown cause set on fire. 10,000 barrels of flaming oil poured into every crevice where it could make its way. Fire engines were unavailing to quench the flames, as the intense heat drove them away from the spot. The loss will reach \$600,000. It is estimated that over 100,000 barrels of refined and crude oil were destroyed.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The English War office has decided to arm the volunteers with Martini instead of Snider rifles.

Serious hurricanes, accompanied by thunder and lightning, visited the French coast between Brest and Cherbourg on Sunday, doing an immense amount of damage.

A ferry boat crossing the river Dee, in the north of Wales, near Hawarden castle, was swamped by Sunday's gale and sank in the middle of the river. Three of the passengers were drowned.

The Marquis of Ripon sailed from Bombay Saturday for home. The occasion was made a holiday by the people honoring the Viceroy.

Advices from the Russian frontier state that on the 7th inst., the Nihilists attempted to wreck the railway train conveying the Czar to St. Petersburg.