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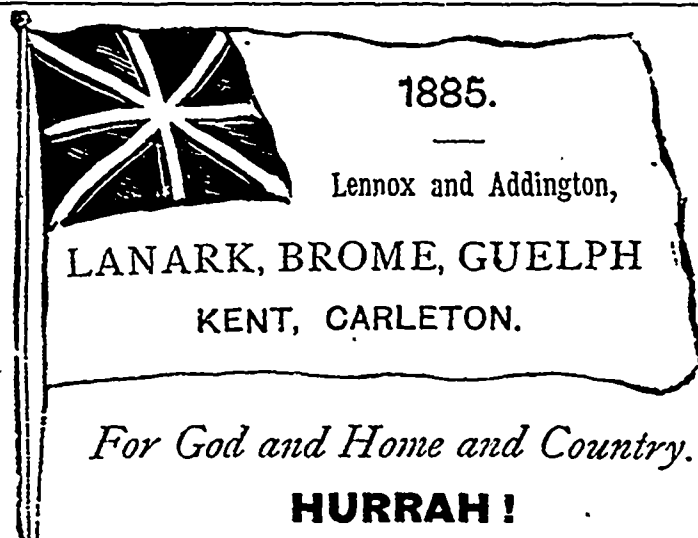
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The Annual Convention of the Dominion Council of the Alliance is being held at Ottawa. A programme was published in last week's CANADA CITIZEN. We hope to have next week a full report of the proceedings.

Mr. W. G. Fee, who so ably managed the Carleton campaign, has gone to Durham and Northumberland. Mr. Fee has directed the work in six Scott Act contests, and in every one of these the result was a splendid majority in our favor. We look for the same in Northumberland and Durham.

We want again to emphasize what has been said about the importance of pushing through with all possible expedition and thoroughness the petition movement. Many thousands of names have already been received, and every day more are pouring in. If any one, who can get up a petition, has not received a form, let him write to the Secretary for one at once.

Mr. Wm. Burgess, who has done such signal service to the Scott-Act cause in many counties, is still at work, and has arranged to spend some more time in the fight. Counties securing his assistance will have an unusually effective and well posted Scott-Act speaker. He cannot fail to do good wherever he goes. Mr. Burgess is at present away from the city, but letters addressed to the office of THE CANADA CITIZEN will be promptly forwarded to him.

We publish elsewhere a report of the Annual Meeting of the Quebec Branch of the Alliance. The statement of progress made is remarkably encouraging. The present year will show even more results from the agitation that has been long and steadily going on. The new President, Mr. J. R. Dougall, of the *Witness*, is the very best man that could have been selected, and the re-elected Secretary, Rev. D. V. Lucas, is gifted with a zeal and an energy that always ensure success.

The Scott Act will come into operation on the 1st of May in the following counties:—Yarmouth, N.S.; Oxford, Ont.; Arthabasca, Que.; Simcoe, Ont.; Stanstead, Que.; Dundas, Stormont and Gengarry, Ont.; Bruce, Ont.; Huron, Ont.; Dufferin, Ont.; Renfrew, Ont., and Norfolk, Ont.

We trust that our friends in these counties will keep up thorough organization, and see that they secure the full benefits of the law for which they have worked so hard.

We are pleased to learn that the Executive committee of the Ontario Grand Lodge of Good Templars, has secured the services of Col. G. W. Bain of Kentucky, to labor in this province for a time. Col. Bain won for himself golden opinions during his brief visit to Toronto about a year ago. He is a speaker of extraordinary magnetism and power, and full of that sparkle and point that always delight an audience. We wish him great success in his Canadian campaign. He speaks in the Temperance Hall, Toronto, on the afternoon of Sunday next, the 8th inst.

Numerous inquiries are being made as to who should be permitted to sign the petitions against the mutilation of the Scott Act. In reply we would say: Let all sign who are described in the petition—"residents of Canada." Electors have other methods by which they can make their influence felt by our legislators but there is a large proportion of our population that can only reach Parliament by petition. We want to have the views of this class presented to our legislators, as well as the view of voters. Let all sign, male and female, and let us show Parliament what the sentiment of the people really is.

The year 1885 has been fixed upon by our American friends for a grand temperance celebration, it being the hundredth year since the publication of Dr. Rush's celebrated "Essay on the Effects of Ardent Spirits on the Human Mind and Body." The publication of this remarkable pamphlet is considered as being really the commencement of the great temperance reformation in the United States, and Dr. Rush as being the father of that wonderful movement. This noble philanthropist did much more for the temperance cause. It was directly through his efforts that there was organized in 1813 the Massachusetts Society for the Suppression of Intemperance, the beginning of systematic agitation; and he also visited many church conferences, assemblies, and urging them to take up this important question.

A circular has been issued by Dr. Daniel Dorchester and endorsed by a great number of leaders in all departments of temperance work. No precise date or place for the celebration has yet been fixed, nor have any details of proposed proceedings been published, but the matter is in good hands, and will no doubt be a grand success.