

A committee was appointed to divide the county into districts in order that the canvass and all matters in connection with the contest may be carried on vigorously. The districts were as follows:—Stratford district to compose the town of Stratford, North and South Easthope, Elice and Downie; Mitchell district—town of Mitchell, Eullarton, Hibbert, and Logan; Listowel district—town of Listowel, Wallace, Elma, Mornington, and the village of Milverton; St. Marys district—town of St. Marys and Blanshard.

A number of matters in connection with a thorough organization was next discussed, when one of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in the county in the interests of the Scott Act movement was brought to a close with the benediction. The several delegates returned to their respective municipalities with a determination to work with a will for the consummation of the object the meeting had in view.—*Beacon*.

GUELPH.—The petition from this city is in Ottawa, and it is expected that the voting will be gazetted very soon. The temperance workers are in good spirits, feeling strongly confident of a large majority. They had one-third of the electors of the city on their petition.

The fourth mass meeting of the campaign was held in the City Hall last Friday evening. The large building was filled to the doors. The chair was occupied by Rev. W. S. Griffin, president of the Scott Act Association.

Among those on the platform were Revs. J. R. Black, Mullen, Messrs. John Hogg, Wm. Ryan, B. Fairley, and Chas. Raymond. Earnest speeches were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Griffin, Black and Mullen, and an exhaustive address on the scientific aspect of temperance and prohibition by Mr. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance. The immense audience was intensely enthusiastic, and rose *en masse* when the chairman requested those in favor of the Scott Act to stand up.

The *Waterloo Chronicle* says:

"From all we can learn, the prospects of the Scott Act being carried in Guelph are excellent. The petition is signed by about enough names to insure victory at the polls, yet we are credibly informed that some sections of the city were hardly canvassed at all. Of course it does not follow that victory can be won without effort; the liquor men will make a desperate fight and will not hesitate about the weapons they use. But if properly organized and if thorough work is done, the Act will carry in Guelph by a handsome majority."

LINCOLN.—The work in this county is being pushed rapidly forward. The following circular has been sent out by Dr. Youmans, secretary of the County Scott Act Association, and circulated not only in Lincoln, but in the adjoining counties as well:—

"At a convention held in this city on Thursday, November 13th, about one hundred and sixty-five representatives from every part of the County of Lincoln were present. With great enthusiasm and unanimity it was decided to open a Scott Act Campaign at once. Ways and means were devised for the successful prosecution of this work, and all went home with a mind to work, and work and win we will.

I wish to call the attention to two measures which received the hearty and unanimous endorsement of the convention.

The first reads thus:—

"That in view of the acknowledged influence of the press in the formation of public opinion, and as an educator and especially in view of the influence it has upon the electors who are not in the habit of attending public meetings, this convention earnestly requests the hearty co-operation of the press of these counties in favor of the Scott Act, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all the editors. This was moved and seconded by Byron Smith and H. Bridgman. The second resolution was introduced by Rev. Mr. Murray, of Grimsby and A. M. Smith, of this city. It is as follows:—

"That this convention with all possible earnestness, request the simultaneous action and co-operation of the adjoining counties of Hamilton, Wentworth and Haldimand, and the cities of Hamilton and Burlington in Scott Act campaign, so that we may as a group of constituencies secure, if possible, one day for the polling of our electors."

It was the strong expressed wish and hope of this Lincoln County Convention that all the neighboring counties would at once

call a convention of their own and begin a Scott Act campaign. We shall be glad to hear of any of them.

By order of the convention."

TORONTO.—A grand Sunday-school mass temperance meeting is advertised to be held in the Metropolitan church on the 7th inst. Addresses will be delivered by J. J. Maclaren, Q. C., and other prominent temperance Sunday-school workers.

A meeting in connection with the West end Temperance Association was held in Occident Hall on Sunday. Mr. A. Farley, the President, in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Farley, Thompson, Munro, and Nash. About fourteen signed the pledge.

A meeting of the St. James' Ward Electoral Temperance Association was held in Wolseley Hall on Saturday evening. Mr. W. H. Orr, President of the Society, was chairman. The main object of the meeting was to perfect the temperance organization in the ward, and to this end committees were appointed for each polling sub-division, to ascertain what persons in the ward are friendly to the temperance cause, and to conduct the Scott Act campaign, or any other contest in which the temperance people may engage.

The concert at Temperance Hall, on Temperance street, on Saturday night, held under the auspices of the Temperance Reformation Society, was well attended. Mr. Isaac Wardell occupied the chair. A grand programme was carried out by the following:—Messrs. Fudge, Marshall, Pritchard, Johnson, and Nicolson, and Mrs. Barnes. The Toronto Bell Ringers also favored the audience with general selections. Mr. Marshall stated that hereafter the Saturday night entertainments in Temperance Hall would be free to all.

On Monday evening of last week the first of a series of 10c. concerts was given in the school room, Bellwoods Avenue, in connection with the St. Matthias branch of the C.E.T.S. There was a very large attendance, the school room being far too small to accommodate the audience. The programme was exceptionally good, the church choir and the quadrille band of Mr. Franks adding greatly to the general enjoyment. The principal soloists were Misses Crowther and Matthews, Messrs. Scrivener and Jose, while Mr. Coulson and Mr. Dyke, and Miss Verrel displayed their literary ability to the great satisfaction of the audience. A cordial vote of thanks to all those who had taken part brought this very pleasant evening to a close. It is proposed to hold a similar meeting early in the New Year.

Sons of Temperance.

THE GRAND DIVISION OF ONTARIO is meeting this week in Kingston. We hope to have a special report in the CANADA CITIZEN of next week.

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:—G. W. Patriarch, J. W. Manning, Almonte; G. W. Associate, T. B. Smith, Ottawa; Grand Scribe, J. K. Stewart, Ottawa; Grand Treasurer, Henry Alexander, Ottawa; Grand Chaplain, Platt Hinman, Grafton; Grand Conductor, C. Campbell, Ottawa; Grand Sentinel, F. Tracy, Kingston.

PROF. FOSTER, M.P., the prohibition champion and leader of the temperance party in the Dominion House of Commons, is Grand Worthy Patriarch of New Brunswick.

BENJAMIN F. DENNISSON, M. W. P.

The subject of this sketch was born in Philadelphia, Penn., June 14, 1835, and is now forty-nine years of age. At the age of 12 he became a member of Excelsior Section Cadets of Temperance, and from that time to the present he has been actively engaged in temperance work. When nineteen years of age he was initiated a member of Friendship Division, No. 19, Sons of Temperance, and in September, 1856, elected Worthy Patriarch, and admitted to the Grand Division in October of the same year. Two years later he was elected Grand Conductor of the Grand Division of Pennsylvania, and in October, 1864, he was elevated to the office of Grand Worthy Patriarch, at the early age of twenty-nine years. For twenty years he has been a member of the Board of Discipline of the Grand Division of Pennsylvania. He was admitted a member of the National Division in 1865, and has frequently served with