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VICTORY!

Once more victory has perched upon the prohibition banner, this time in our united counties of Leeds and Grenville. For some time before the vote, even the Antis had acknowledged that the carrying of the Act was a foregone conclusion. This somewhat detracted from the exultation over the result; still, we felt a certain amount of pride in knowing for certain that the Act had been carried, and by a very handsome majority. The evening of the election, the Executive Committee secured the office of D. B. Jones (Division Court Clerk), and at a few minutes after 5 p. m., there were assembled around the tables the following members of the Executive:—Judge McDonald (Chairman), B. Loverin (Secretary), W. G. Fee and T. Steward (Exec. officers), Rev. T. C. Williams, John McGill, Geo. R. Webster, and a number of others. Brockville returns began to come in first, and as ward after ward was heard from, the most intense excitement prevailed. However, all feeling was suppressed and but few words were spoken, except when some unexpected result was announced, but when the final result was declared, and a clear majority of 21 for the Act was recorded, the pent up feeling of satisfaction found vent in a vigorous clapping of hands. Returns now began to come in rapidly, some creating surprise by the large majorities for or against, but on the whole they tallied pretty closely with the estimates made by the promoters of the Act. The result in the Lansdownes was a surprise to all. The front township was expected to give a majority of at least 150 for the Act, whereas it only footed up 38. The rear was expected to go Anti by at least 175 or 200, and when the returns were made up and a clear majority of 73 for the Act was recorded, we felt that nothing was impossible under the sun. Prescott remained true to its distillery and brewing interests, and gave a majority of 253 against the Act. Edwardsburg, Augusta, and North Crosby gave large majorities against the Act. Our old native township of Elizabethtown headed the list of majorities in the rural districts by giving a majority of 203. Gananoque, Oxford, and front of Yonge gave large majorities in favor, while the little township of Escott front, which last year repealed

the Dunkin Bill by a small majority after less than a year of license, rolled up the magnificent majority of 50 for the Act. While the returns were being received at the telegraph office, a mass meeting was being held in Victoria Hall. Volunteer speeches were made by Joseph Deacon, Chas. H. French, V. R. Marshall, and others. At a quarter to nine, all the townships had been heard from excepting part of Augusta and Edwardsburg, when it was decided to repair to the Hall and announce the result. Judge McDonald took the chair and after a thanks-giving prayer had been offered by Rev. Mr. Williams, the chairman announced the result, and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be able to announce such a glorious victory for right and temperance. Short, congratulatory speeches were also made by Mrs. Yeomans, Rev. T. G. Williams, — Simpson, B. Loverin and others. Below we give the figures as received at the close of the polling from the different municipalities. When the full returns are all in, these figures may vary slightly, but the grand result cannot be changed. We would, had we space at our disposal, bear testimony to the zeal and energy displayed by the workers who accomplished so much for right and temperance. But to particularize any would be unjust, as all of the nearly sixty lay and clerical workers did all in their power to gain the victory won. And now in closing this article, we desire to impress upon all, that, though the Scott Act is carried in these united counties, the battle is only half won. From our knowledge of our opponents we feel safe in predicting that they will leave nothing undone to prevent the smooth working of the Act, to render it unpopular, and to defeat its object generally. The Act, as testified by the vote, has an overwhelming preponderance of public sentiment in its favor, and its strict enforcement should not be a difficult matter. But timely preparation should be made so as to be in a position to successfully cope with every tactic resorted to by opponents of the Act.

	FOR.	AG'NST.
Augusta.....		208
Bastard and Burgess...	108	
Cardinal.....		23
Brockville.....	21	
Edwardsburg.....		137
Elizabethtown.....	203	
Front of Escott.....	50	
F. of Leeds and Lans...	38	
Gananoque.....	168	
Kemptville.....	58	
Kitley.....	13	
Merrickville.....	55	
Newboro.....	10	
North Crosby.....		50
R. Leeds and Lans.	72	
R. Yonge and Escott..	61	
Front of Yonge.....	113	
Oxford.....	168	
Prescott.....		253
South Crosby.....	98	
South Elmsley.....		22

South Gower.....	14	
Wolford.....	114	
	1363	693
Majority, 671.		

Our Railway.

Early in the new year, the ratepayers of a portion of this county will have an important question to decide—a question, the settlement of which will materially affect not only those now interested, but the future of their children and successors for all time. From the first settlement of the county to the present time, the people of this district have had to contend against great odds, and undergo considerable hardships, but overcoming and enduring all these, our county has gained a foremost place among the counties of the Province. But the zenith of our prosperity or the extent of our resources has not yet been reached. As yet, the energies of our farmers have been confined and directed to the growth and production only of that which its peculiar situation rendered possible. But now, with the probability of early and generally accessible railway communication with the markets of the world, a new and promising era of prosperity seems about to begin. The question of the voting of the bonus to secure the construction of the line ought to be decided in the interest of the whole district, and personal indifference as to the result of the vote ought not to excuse any voter from polling his vote. Of course, the granting of this bonus will necessitate a direct tax upon the ratepayers, but with debentures extending over so many years, the annual amount paid individually will be small indeed compared with the advantages to be derived from the enterprise. The increase in the value of real estate, which the construction of the road would surely cause, would alone more than compensate for the small annual outlay. There are always some narrow minded people to be found who will oppose any scheme, however certain may be the profit and ultimate good to be derived therefrom, but in this matter, we hope they are few in number. The prospects of the railway company for doing a good business are excellent. Apart from the through traffic which the line will command, as being the shortest and most direct route to the sea-board, it will receive a local trade the magnitude of which will increase yearly. The greater portion of the line will be built through a section of the country now but sparsely settled, but with lumbering, mining and manufacturing resources that only await the construction of the railway to develop into busy centres of commercial importance. We believe the railway will develop a profitable carrying trade in commodities, the low price of which is now and will continue to be of vital importance to us.

COUNTY ITEMS.

From our Correspondents.

Whitehurst.

A very large deer has been seen around Cranberry Lake all fall, and a few days ago it was tracked across the country, going in the direction of Greenbush. Mr. Thomas Smith was after him with his hounds, but we have not heard of him getting the animal yet.

Rockspring.

Mr. Moffatt, who recently came from Huntley, has opened a first-class grocery store in the building formerly occupied by T. Ellis.

Mr. Robert J. Scott, who has been occupying the position of telegraph operator at Sudbury (C. P. R.), is home on a visit.

Mr. John Horton leaves for Wexford, Ireland, about Christmas. He intends to bring back with him a bonnie lassie from the Emerald Isle. We think it is a step in the right direction, and we wish him a bon voyage and a safe return.

Glen Buell.

The trustees of our school have secured the services of Miss Jean Beatty, of Lansdowne, to take the place of W. J. Hall, resigned. Miss Beatty holds a second-class certificate, and is highly recommended as a teacher.

We are busily engaged in preparing for a Christmas tree in connection with our Sunday School. This entertainment promises to be one of the best we have ever had. We extend a warm invitation to all to be present with us.

Mr. W. J. Drummond, Arts student at Queen's College, Kingston, is visiting friends here.

Christmas Tree.

In connection with the Sunday School of the Methodist Church, a Christmas tree entertainment will be held in the church, on Christmas evening. Mr. Fisher and the teachers of the school have been training the children, and a good programme has been prepared. Admission, 20c.; children of the village, 10c. The attendance should, and, no doubt, will be large.

Wanted to Know.

If it is a singular-plural Union that Miss F——n purposes joining, What the Saved Army evangelists think of Farmersville.

How you are going to spend your Christmas.

If last Thursday wasn't a cold day for the Anti-Scotts.

What they are going to do about it.

Personal.

Miss Kitty Kincaid who has been of late attending the O. L. College, Whitby, having returned home, has been engaged as teacher in our Model School.