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Dominion Brewers, Wine and Spirit Merchants'

PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION,

Toronto,.....1884.

PROVISIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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In view of the serious nature of the attack now being made all along the line by the prohibitionists, the Brewers' and Wine and Spirit Merchants in this section have deemed it necessary to form a Dominion Protective Association.

Already thirty-two Counties in Ontario have been selected, in all of which they propose forcing a vote on the Scott Act between now and the 1st of November. If they carry even a bare majority of the Counties of Ontario, they are in a position to demand from the Government of Canada a fulfilment of their pledge, "That if the country pronounced in favor of the principle of prohibition, it would be granted." At the present time the whole of Prince Edward Island, two-thirds of Nova Scotia, and two-thirds of New Brunswick have been carried for the Scott Act, and if a majority of the Counties of this Province also go, prohibition, without compensation, is

the alternative. In view of the grave character of the position we have started this organisation with the hope that every man interested in the business will unite to defend his trade against the fanatical onslaught inaugurated. Arrangements have been made with Mr. E. King Dodds, and an efficient staff, to contest every inch of territory and educate the public mind to appreciate the great injury that will be done to the country by the passage of such unjust laws. To accomplish this purpose a large amount of money is necessary. Every brewer here has subscribed one thousand dollars, the distillers ten thousand dollars, and all the other branches of the trade have been equally liberal. Mr. Dodds will, in a few days, call upon you for your co-operation, and we do hope that every effort will be made by you to assist him in the carrying out of the object which is of such vast importance to our interests.

The foregoing document will be of interest to our friends, and also to some of our opponents. It is an exact copy of a circular recently issued by the DOMINION BREWERS' WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION. There are two or three points in connection with it to which we desire to call special attention.

1. It clearly shows that the whisky business feels the imminent peril in which at the present it stands. The community is at last awaking to a sense of its duty in reference to the terrible plague of a licensed liquor traffic, and public sentiment is rapidly approaching that "demand" for total prohibition that our opponents so sorely dread. The much-abused Scott Act is vindicating itself as an educator, and as an expresser of right opinion and sound principle. The unholy system of law-protected wrong has read the handwriting upon the wall, and sees its impending doom. Its despairing appeal will be in vain. Our country is at last breaking free from the thralldom of rum. "Canada" has been in the past the watchword of those who would flee the stinging scourge of slavery and the galling fetters of despotism, and in the near future Canada will be the banner nation in the world's progressive march of emancipation from the foulest bondage under which a community can groan—the bondage of law-protected crime and shame. We "Thank God and take courage."

2. The appeal is mainly an appeal for money. The contest is a contest between avarice and philanthropy, between greed for gain, and magnanimous fidelity to principle and humanity. Let us make the best case we can for our opponents, let them make the best case they can for themselves; and it must after all be admitted that they are fighting for their personal enrichment, while we are fighting for the good of others. The motives of the anti-Scott party are not disinterested. They dare not appeal to the public for sympathy. They appeal to their partners in the traffic for support.

3. The circular was intended to be "strictly confidential." We are told that deeds of a certain class are characterized by being wrought in darkness, and whether the attempt at secrecy was the result of consciousness of an evil cause, or was prompted by anxiety to conceal from opponents the desperation that is felt, it is a manifestation of a weakness that warns of the approaching end.

4. The immense contributions alluded to in the circular and the personnel of the committee named emphasize the statement elsewhere made, that this campaign is being conducted mainly in the interests of the moneyed manufacturers and wholesalers, who are anxious to