

HASTINGS.—The Executive Committee for Hastings met in the Police Court Room, Belleville, Thursday, Jan. 29th. Vice-President McClatchie in the chair. There was a good representation present from the North, but several active Southern workers were unavoidably absent, holding mass meetings throughout the county.

Reports were taken from different localities of the progress of the petitions. One gentleman, Mr. E. D. O'Flynn, of Madoc, said that the Madoc petitions could be pushed through in twenty-four hours. They had over 50 per cent. of the voters pledged already. Hungerford petitions contained 30 per cent. of the names on the voters' list and could be run up to 40 per cent. very soon. Tweed petitions had already 50 per cent. of the names.

A discussion having taken place as to the best time for recalling the petitions, it was resolved that the petitions be made returnable to the County Secretary (Rev. F. B. Stratton,) by the 14th of February, and that they be, by him, hung up in the Registrar's office by Tuesday, March 3rd.

Moved by Rev. W. J. Young, seconded by Rev. Chas. Fish, "That if the Secretary require any legal advice, he consult with J. J. Maclaren, Q. C., of Toronto."

Rev. C. R. Morrow, of Oxford, was present at the meeting, and gave a good deal of valuable advice. He is at present engaged addressing meetings throughout the county.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.—The Executive Committee of the Scott Act for these united counties, met at Cobourg last Monday, and was in every way a grand success. Representatives from nearly all the municipalities were present, and all were hopeful of large majorities. Mr. W. G. Fee, the efficient and chief executive officer for the campaign, was present at the evening session, and gave some very useful instructions in regard to the work. He will visit the various municipalities and organize for active work.—*Port Hope Weekly Guide.*

At a meeting of temperance workers from different parts of the township of Manvers, held in the Manvers Central Temperance Association hall, on Saturday the 17th inst., for the purpose of forming a Scott Act Organization for the township, a central committee was formed, with Rev. E. A. Tonkin, as President, and R. G. Dean, as Secretary-Treasurer. The President was the right man in the right place, in fact all present manifested a hearty interest in the work. The very fact of their being present, some from a considerable distance, on the most severe day we have had this winter, speaks more than words can for their zeal in the good cause. The Township was laid out into sections, and a sub-committee appointed in each section. Favorable reports were received from all parts of the Township, and it was computed that a very large majority would be given the Act. The meeting then adjourned to meet again in two weeks.—*Canadian Statesman.*

LAMBTON.—A Scott Act convention for this county was held in Wyoming on Tuesday last for the transaction of business in connection with the coming campaign. The *Alvinton Fair Play* says:

"The petition, which contains nearly a thousand more names than is required by law to submit the Act, was sent to Ottawa about two weeks ago, and it is expected the day of voting will soon be set, and as it is impossible to know when the day will be, the friends of temperance want to be prepared and have everything in readiness to prosecute the campaign vigorously, and not be caught "napping" as was the case three years ago. The liquor dealers are now at work not only canvassing against the adoption of the Act, but are circulating false reports. The report has reached us that a legal technicality has been discovered. Every move that has been made under legal advice. The object of circulating these reports is to keep the electors from going to the polls. No credence should be given to such reports as there is no truth in them."

The following is a report of the Lambton County meeting sent us by a Wanstead correspondent:—

"A Convention was held in the Canada Methodist Church in Wyoming on the 10th inst., and notwithstanding the extremely cold weather there was a very large gathering present, only three townships being unrepresented. The utmost harmony, unanimity and enthusiasm prevailed during the entire proceedings. Owing to the snow blockade on the Petrolia Branch Railway, our president, Rev. J. G. Calder, was unable to be present until near the close of the meeting, which he reached by means of a lumber sleigh. The chair

was taken by the vice-president, A. J. Syers, Esq., at 1.30 p.m., and after opening the meeting he announced that the 19th of March was appointed for voting on the Scott Act. Instructions to the officers of the several polling sub-divisions throughout the county were drafted by a committee and adopted by the Convention. Considerable discussion arose on the question of engaging speakers which was ultimately left to the discretion of the Executive Committee. Quite a number of clergymen of different denominations were present, who expressed themselves willing and ready to enter heartily upon the work of the campaign with a determination to win. The general feeling of those present was that a large majority will be polled in favor of the Act. Of this there is little doubt judging from the reports received from all parts of the county."

TORONTO.—The Toronto Electoral Temperance Union for St. David's Ward met Friday night in the Parliament street Methodist Church, when the chair was occupied by Mr. H. B. Hara. Mr. James Thompson explained the objects of the Association, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Emerson Coatsworth; 1st Vice, Jacob Spence; 2nd Vice, A. B. Brown; 3rd Vice, Elgin Schoff; Sec.-Treas., R. J. Fleming; Chaplain, W. O. Littleford; Representatives to the Electoral Union, A. B. McColl, Findlay McDonald, W. C. Wilkinson, Ald. Galley, and Thomas Grinnell.

The concert of the West End Christian Temperance Society held in Occident Hall on Saturday night was well attended, notwithstanding the inclement state of the weather. The following ladies and gentlemen took part:—Misses Colwell, E. Matthews, Mabel Gillam, Seaton, and Tresidore, and Messrs. Harry Becton, R. Davidson, Montomry, Raynor, Marvin, and G. Matthews. Mr. L. H. Wood presided at the piano. There was a large attendance at the Sunday afternoon experience meeting; Mr. A. Farley occupied the chair. Among the speakers were Messrs James Mooring, Jas. Thompson, Robert Hall, and Mr. Green, of Davenport. Ten of those present signed the pledge.

A meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held Monday afternoon in a room in Shaftesbury hall buildings. It was decided to assist in obtaining signatures to the petitions against the changes to the Scott Act proposed by the liquor dealers. Arrangements were made for forming a branch association in North Toronto. It is expected to form the association next week in one of the churches.

The Board of the Toronto Temperance Mission Union met on Saturday evening last, with Mr. W. H. Howland in the chair. The trustees reported that a lot had been purchased on Cumberland street, where a new hall will be erected.

Literary Record.

"THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC AND COMPENSATION" is the title of a pamphlet prepared by Wm. Burgess, to be shortly issued from the publishing house of Hunter, Rose & Co., of this city. It treats the subject from the following standpoints: "Why the Subject is Discussed," "Compensation Defined," "The Legal View," "Who is to be Compensated?" "Who is to Pay?" "The Question of Policy Considered," "Precedents in Favor of Compensation," "The Moral View." For further particulars address W. Burgess, 33 Hayden Street, Toronto, from whom specimen copies may be procured for 10c. each.

"SHOT AND SHELL for the Temperance conflict," by Rev. D. Rogers, published at the Methodist Book Room, 80 King street East, Toronto. We cordially recommend this little volume to our readers. It does not profess to be any systematically constructed argument on the drink question. It is a compilation of forcible facts, petty passages, striking stories, pointed paragraphs, poems, &c., &c., carefully selected and edited, and forming as the title indicates an arsenal of weapons ready for the temperance warrior either on the platform or in the parlor. One of those books which may be read consecutively with interest and profit, or may be caught up with a similar result in a spare moment of rest or travel. It will prove invaluable to inexperienced temperance advocates on the look out for just the information that it presents, and also to those who have long been in the thick of the fight, as they will be certain to find here something of worth that they have not met before. It ought to have a very wide circulation.