

Lambton, Essex and Elgin, and to which a number of the most prominent temperance celebrities of the continent should be invited.

This met with the approval of all present and the details of arrangement were delegated to the central executive committee with power to add to its number.

Rev. R. Walker said there was still a great deal for the association to do. The rising generation was to be looked after. An effort had been made to introduce into school the teaching of scientific temperance from temperance text-books in school. The law permitted it, and with permission of the trustees it could be carried out. He urged the matter very strongly, remarking that if the youth were safe the future of our country was safe, and concluded by making a motion looking towards the adoption of the suggestion throughout the county.

This motion provoked considerable discussion, mostly favorable, and was carried unanimously.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. B. Rankin, for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the legal part of the programme. A number of flattering references were made to his work.—*Ex.*

BEAUHARNOIS, QUE.—Upward of six hundred French-Canadians met in the "Hotel de Ville," Valleyfield, on Tuesday, 24th inst., to consider the possibility of adopting the Scott Act in the County of Beauharnois. The warden of the county, J. B. Myre, Esq., of St. Louis de Gonzague, was elected to preside.

The Rev. D. V. Lucas being called upon, seeing that his audience was almost entirely French, seemed to feel like Mark Twain that unless he spoke a few words, at least, in *la belle langue* he would be ruled out of court entirely, so he began by saying "Pardonnez moi s'il vous plait, mes amis, si je parle en Anglais; je ne parle pas Français très bien." He then proceeded to explain the Act and the necessary steps to be taken to secure its adoption, and asked M. Zepherin Boyer, mayor of Valleyfield, to kindly interpret his explanations. The mayor, after repeating in substance Mr. Lucas' words, added some very forcible words of his own on behalf of the Act.

Eustache Bergevin, Esq., a wealthy farmer of St. Timothy, once a hotel keeper, being introduced, spoke strongly in favor of the present movement. He said that in looking back years ago, when, for a short time, he was in the liquor business, he remembered seeing many little children starved and bare-footed whose fathers were drinking up what should have gone to clothe and feed them, and he advised any present who might be in the business to do any kind of work, no matter how humble, rather than sell whiskey.

Antoine Lefebvre, Esq., Mayor of the town of Beauharnois, said that he was in favor of the Scott Act, and that he believed his town would give a good vote.

J. B. Laframboise, member of the Council of the parish of St. Stanislaus, also spoke in favor of the Act.

Dr. Lussier, of Valleyfield, who is a first-class speaker, said some very strong things against the use of liquor as a beverage, and spoke for the Act. He was directed by Mr. Lucas to explain that the Act made provision for their getting liquor for medical purposes on the certificate of a physician.

The speaker was here interrupted by a man who cried out:—"Oh, then we'll get five gallons." The doctor replied, "Non, non, messieurs, you cannot get any doctor to give you a prescription for five gallons." There was loud laughter. Two or three hotel-keepers in the rear tried to get up a little opposition.

The Chairman called "Silence, silence, messieurs s'il vous plait," and order was restored. The French are very respectful to the chair.

It was moved by M. Boyer that they take the necessary steps to secure the adoption of the Scott Act.

About twenty shouted "Seconde, seconde."

The motion was carried, with great enthusiasm, the gallant six hundred being almost all in favor.

A general committee was formed for the county, and sub-committees to look after the work in the parishes, each parish to be responsible for its proper portion of the general expense.

Mr. Lucas was again appealed to respecting the probable expense. He explained the necessary items of expense, and added, "In some of the English-speaking counties we have to bring speakers from a distance, but in French counties there is so much eloquence there is no necessity for that." (Shouts of "c'est bon," "c'est bon," "good, good," laughter and applause.)

Messrs. S. B. Brodeur and G. M. Loy were appointed general secretaries for the county organization, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Lucas.—*Witness.*

HUNTINGDON, QUE.—Pursuant to call of the select committee previously appointed, the friends of temperance in the County of Huntingdon assembled in convention in the County Building in the village of Huntingdon, on Friday, 20th March, 1885.

There was a very large attendance and the whole of the proceedings were characterized by great earnestness and enthusiasm.

The convention being called to order at 10.30 a.m., Wm. S. MacLaren, Esq., of Huntingdon, was appointed chairman, and Rev. Andrew Rowat, B.A., of Athelstan, requested to act as secretary.

The chairman briefly stated the object of the convention, and requested Rev. D. V. Lucas, Secretary of the Quebec Branch of the Dominion Temperance Alliance, to explain to the meeting the proper mode to be pursued in bringing forward the Scott Act for adoption or rejection by the legal voters of the county. After a few explanatory remarks by that gentleman, the chairman called upon gentlemen present for information regarding the feeling in the irrelative localities throughout the county. The following resolution was moved by Dr. Ferguson, of Hinchinbrook, seconded by D. M. Parham, of Franklin—"In view of the terrible evils resulting from the traffic in intoxicating liquor, and believing that the Canada Temperance Act of 1878 to be the best legislative measure within our reach to stem this tide of evil be it therefore resolved that this Convention take immediate steps for the submission of the Scott Act to the electors of this county of Huntingdon.

The resolution was declared by a unanimous vote amid great applause.

The following resolution was moved by P. McGinnis, seconded by W. W. Dalgleish, and adopted:

"Recognizing with pleasure the great influence of women in the mighty battle with alcoholic liquors and the good work accomplished by the temperance associations throughout the country, be it therefore resolved that this Convention earnestly asks the hearty co-operation of the W. C. T. U. and all other temperance organizations in this county in our good work."

The following gentlemen were now named by the Chairman as a committee to name or appoint local committees in each municipality: Jas. Curran, W. Farquhar, A. Wilson, P. Gardner, D. Boyd, P. MacFarlane, J. Tannahill, F. S. Proper; which committee then withdrew for deliberation.

Mr. Lucas thought about \$300 would be required for the campaign, as there would be considerable expense, owing to the necessity of printing, advertising, and of obtaining copies of the Act, etc., and thought each representative of the different municipalities should become responsible to the central committee for the amount levied on such following ratio announced by the chairman.

The sums levied upon the several municipalities were as follows:—Hemmingford, \$35; Huntingdon, \$50; Village of Hemmingford, \$20; Havelock, \$30; Franklin, \$30; Hinchinbrook, \$35; Elgin, \$25; Dundee, \$25; Godmanchester, \$30; St. Anicet, \$20.

The following parties became responsible for the sums levied upon their respective municipalities, viz:—Mr. Tees, Hemmingford; Mr. W. S. McLaren, Huntingdon; Mr. Rea, Village of Hemmingford; James Curran, Havelock; D. Parham, Franklin; A. Wilson and James Cameron, Hinchinbrook; Peter MacFarlane, Elgin; N. Farlinger, Dundee; A. Somerville, Godmanchester.

The nominating committee came into the room and through its secretary, P. MacFarlane, Esq., reported the following list of officers and committees, which, after discussion, was unanimously adopted: Permanent President, W. S. McLaren; Per. Secretary, Rev. A. Rowat; Per. Treasurer, A. Somerville. Advisory, Finance and Literary Committee, D. Boyd, W. W. Dalgleish, Wm. A. Dunsmore, Peter MacFarlane, and F. Henderson.

The Permanent President, Secretary and Treasurer are *ex officio* members of said Advisory Committee.

That the following named gentlemen be Executive Committee: Hemmingford Township, Wm. Tees, D. McPhee, Wm. B. Johnson, J. E. Corbin.

Hemmingford Village—Wm. Reay, John McNaughton, C. W. Shriver, and F. S. Proper.

Havelock—Jas. Curran, J. W. Stuart and Adam Reay.

Franklin—Wm. Gentle, D. M. Parham and Leonard Hall.