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**The Liberal.**

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, May 29, '84

**THE SCOTT ACT IN YORK.**

On June 5th, the Central Committee of the York County Prohibitory Alliance and Scott Act Association will meet at Aurora to settle finally whether the Scott Act is to be submitted to this county, and if so, when. The result of this meeting will be awaited with the gravest anxiety by all upholders of the temperance cause, for the destiny of this cause will be determined for years by the decision at which they may arrive.

If behooves the members of the Central Committee, therefore, to act with the greatest deliberation and most prudent circumspection. Zeal for the cause must not be allowed to warp their judgment, and fanaticism, ever ill-timed, must be sternly and rigidly expelled from their councils. For great and glorious as victory would be, it is impossible to over estimate the disasters entailed by defeat.

Only, then, on the clearest and most convincing proofs that an undoubted majority of the electors desire the introduction of the act, should it be submitted. Every one who has ever engaged in a public campaign, political or other, is perfectly aware how deceptive are the returns obtained by canvassing. It is rare, indeed, that on the eve of the election the canvassers of both parties do not show a decided majority. But how weak a reed such showing proves, is, with astonishment seen, when the smoke of battle has rolled away. We would urge the Committee to resolve on fighting only when the result, humanly speaking, is absolutely certain.

This majority, moreover, must be made up of those who have implicit faith in the value of the Act to secure the objects at which it aims. Hundreds of vacillating minds will to-day pronounce in favor of the measure, drawn on by the love of change and novelty; but these are the very men who to-morrow will weary of what they have got, and beginning with expressions of disappointment, they will go to disparagement, and will end in open and noisy clamors for repeal. Already mutterings of discontent are heard in Halton; reports, too, from New Brunswick by no means show unanimity of opinion as to the working of the Act. We are sure that these expressions of open or avowed hostility are entirely due to laxity or to gross negligence in enforcing the provisions of the statute. But this does not alter the case; it simply emphasizes the question to every professed supporter of Temperance, are you determined that the Act shall not become a dead letter in York.

Hence will be seen the extreme necessity of accurately gauging the real sentiments of the electors, for a victory that is not begotten of pure conviction not only as to the desirability of passing the Act, but also of unceasingly aiding in its enforcement would be worse than defeat, for the latter may, and often does, lead to renewed and still greater exertions for another trial, but the former certainly would make the Act a stumbling block of derision and futility.

On one other point we wish to touch, and we have done. There is no Christian man who does not fully acknowledge the vanity of human effort where there is not implicit and confiding reliance on Providence. But this trust in God does not preclude most strenuous labor on the part of man. Indeed, without such labor, there is no real reliance on Providence, the latter, we venture to say, being exactly proportionate to the former. "Aid thy self, and Heaven will aid thee," is the true proverb, and he who acts otherwise will certainly find his undertakings awful failures. There are too many who overlook the perennial nobleness of work. Work is worship, and those who expect the fruits of victory, be it in carrying the Scott Act, or in any other struggle, will be terribly disappointed if they trust to a reliance on Providence, which is not shown forth by doing all that lies in their power to accomplish their object.

Our regard for the cause of temperance is too great to allow us to be silent on this occasion. We desire

to see that cause triumphant but we would not see it become a prey to the malice and ridicule of its declared enemies, who, however, are less dangerous than those who, are ever crying, Light, Light, when there is no light. Fanatics and unstable supporters are to be distrusted, nor is faith to be put in those who are intent only on waging war against certain individuals engaged in the traffic, but have not at heart the good of their fellow-beings. This is a struggle to uplift, not to pull down, and if loss be incurred in the fight, we shall regret that men have exposed themselves to such loss, although this regret is tempered by the sure conviction that the loss is only apparent, and that time will make them as sensible of this as we are ourselves.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL.

It is with pleasure we would notice under the head of Laskay items, that our new precursor, the young man O'Brien is acquitting himself fairly well in his new role of leading in sacred song. There may be a slight tendency to speed the metre, but we must bear with the young man on that point, as his recommendation was not that his voice was tuned to the staid melody of the sanctuary, but that he could sing songs well with all that full and peculiarly interesting modulation of voice in delicate touches of deep pathos, as well as the full strong notes of a well-filled chorus. There is a tendency more in devotional singing to leave the old beaten path of the long drawn emphasis, that used to be rendered with so much feeling and proper prolongations to fully solemnize the services of divine worship, now we have the more light and vivacious rendering after the manner of what we often hear in the streets, and the martial roll of the drum, and the glitter of a holy warfare. All is well that ends well, and with all due respect to all purposes that have for their object the amelioration of the condition, for which we should not scruple in having a manly respect, therefore there is nothing to my mind, that is more attractive than good singing, a warm heart, good judgment, a noble purpose, and a good voice. These are precious gifts, there are none better, and the happy possessor, if he or she only knows it, has a power all his own that is a passport to fame in any country. We like to see these young men at Church, they are in the right place, Mr. Cameron is relieved in the singing as well as comforted by their presence, so we hope much for the better purposes of life at Laskay. Let us sing more with our hearts and less with our lips and not be so much afraid of the sound of our own voices; if we only mind not to make discords the effect is wonderful and adds much to the pleasure and profit of a part of the Sabbath day.

Yours Truly,

JOSEPH BAKER.

Laskay, May 20th, '84.

**TEMPERANCEVILLE.**

From our own Correspondent.

Quite a marked change here owing to the moving of the Temperance Hall, (which was sold a short time ago,) across to the C. M. Church, where it is being fitted as a Sabbath school room in connection with the C. M. Church.

Mrs. Brown, of Victoria Square, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Rev. Jno. Wilkinson, M.A., of Richmond Hill, preached a very interesting and instructive sermon here on Sunday last, from James 5-20, holding the attention of the audience throughout by his very vivid power of description.

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**VELLORE.**

From our own Correspondent.

The fall wheat in this neighborhood looks well at present, and promises a good crop of straw. The Spring crops are doing well, there being a very rapid growth for the last week, although some of the farmers are complaining, about the spring wheat not coming up as even as might be desired, however it promises a good crop.

Some of our young farmers in this neighborhood endeavor to go according to Scripture by tearing down and building up greater. Mr. Archibald Cameron, who lives near this enterprising village, has taken down his old frame barn, where he intends erecting a new one much larger than the old. The building is expected to be completed before harvest.

One day last week a young man rode on horse-back into our little town and stopped at the Post Office, having fastened his horse securely as he supposed. He entered the Office and asked the Post Master for his LIBERAL, which he promptly received, but, while searching it eagerly for the Vellore items, he was notified that his steed was grazing on the roadside a short distance away. He said that would be news for THE LIBERAL next week, but as he is a modest young man, we deem it better to say nothing about it.

This little Village has within its limits some very beautiful maidens, but we expect some of them to remove before the middle of next month.

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