

TEMPERANCE.

1378. By the Canada Temperance Act, 1878 (commonly known as the "Scott Act," from the name of the member of the Senate who introduced it), it is provided that any county or city may petition the Governor General in Council praying that the Act shall be put in force in such county or city. Such petition must be signed by at least one-fourth of all the electors in the district applying. A proclamation is then to be issued, naming a day on which the votes of the electors are to be taken for or against the adoption of the petition, at which election only persons qualified to vote at the election of a member of the House of Commons are entitled to vote. If the adoption of the petition is carried, an Order in Council may be issued, bringing into force that part of the Act which provides "that no person shall, within such county or city, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, expose or keep for sale, or directly or indirectly, on any pretence or upon any device, sell or barter, or in consideration of the purchase of any other property, give to any other person any intoxicating liquor." Certain provisions are made for the sale of wine and intoxicating liquor for sacramental, medicinal and mechanical purposes, and for the disposal of the manufactures of brewers and distillers. Such Order in Council cannot be revoked until after the expiration of three years, and then only on a similar petition and election, and if the result of the first election is against the adoption of the petition, no similar petition shall be put to the vote of the electors for a like period of three years. It is also provided that every person who, by himself or another, violates the above provision against the sale of intoxicating liquor, shall, on conviction, be liable, for the first offence, to a fine of \$50; for the second offence, \$100; and for the third and every subsequent offence, imprisonment not exceeding two months.

1379. The following are particulars of the results of the various elections that have been held under the Act, since it came into force:—

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PLACES IN WHICH THE "CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT" HAS BEEN VOTED ON SINCE 1878, AND THE RESULT OF THE VOTING IN EACH CASE.

PLACES.	VOTES POLLED		MAJORITY	
	For.	Against.	For.	Against.
1878.				
Fredericton (City), N.B.	403	203	200
York, N.B.	1,229	214	1,015
Prince, P.E.I.	1,762	271	1,491
1879.				
Charlotte, N.B.	867	149	718
Carleton "	1,215	69	1,146
Charlottetown, P.E.I.	837	253	584
Albert, N.B.	718	114	604
King's, P.E.I.	1,076	59	1,017