

LOCAL OPTION.

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MURDERS CAUSED BY LIQUOR.

(From a letter by F. S. Spence in the Toronto Globe.)

At Woodstock, N. B., on October 21st, Sandy Monicelli was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to imprisonment for life. In a drunken quarrel he had shot and killed Nicholas Leganie on August 8th last. He was only nineteen years of age.

The same day at Picton, N. S., began the trial for murder of John Fraser, aged thirty, who on June 8th last, at New Glasgow, had shot and killed Duncan Brown after both men had been drinking freely.

Two days later, at Toronto, Walter Blythe was sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary for having beaten his wife to death with a poker at Agincourt in the early part of the year. His defence against the charge of murder was that he was drunk when he committed the crime.

At Vancouver, B. C., when Charles Egan was arraigned for the killing of William Shields, whom he stabbed to death at Prince Rupert on September 13th, witnesses testified that both slayer and slain were very drunk at the time of the killing.

On Sunday morning, October 24th, at Lindsay, Joseph Hunter committed suicide in the county jail, where he was awaiting trial for the murder of his wife, whom he had shot and killed at Bobcaygeon some time before, when he was intoxicated.

This waste of human life and wreck of homes all over the Dominion is only a part of the awful consequences of the drink habit and the liquor traffic, which burden our country with a terrible weight of misery, brutality, shame and crime.

Yet that traffic is operated under legal sanction. It is used as a means of raising revenue for public purposes, a revenue that is insignificant in comparison with the cost which is entailed on the community by the traffic.

It is not strange that there is a widespread and determined uprising of the people against this awful curse. Rather is it strange to find that men still vote to sustain the barroom and treating system, which are responsible for the beginning of nearly all the indulgence that grows into the almost helpless slavery and degradation of inebriety.

CONVINCING TESTIMONY FROM MIDLAND.

The following are copies of letters written by citizens of Midland, giving their views as to the working of Local Option in that town:

The first effect noticeable in business is the amount of ready money the working people have. Instead of going for liquor it goes for the support of their families. Any merchant in town will say that nine-tenths of the accounts formerly carried on their books are paid up. In house furnishings, people who never had carpets or furnished houses before, have furnished their homes and paid for it since Local Option came into force. I know of one family who never knew what it was to have a Christmas fowl unless it was given to them, until after Local Option came into force. Now they can buy it for themselves.

There is not one-fifth as much illegal sale now as there was under license. Some may try selling for a time, but they are sure to get caught. I should like to see Local Option carried in Collingwood. We had our hands full keeping drunk men out of the rink when we were there. I heard one liquor man in Collingwood say, "This is our last year."

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The town never was so prosperous. Lots that were selling on Fifth Street four years ago for \$75 apiece are now worth \$400. Lots to-day are selling on Eighth Street at \$125 each. Working men are buying these, paying for them, and building homes. Property values have doubled on our main streets in two years. The character of the buildings laboring men are putting up indicates they are saving money and putting it into homes. I never see a drunken man from one week's end to another. The total assessment of the town has increased \$750,000 in two years.

T. I. TRUEMAN, Town Clerk.

Accommodation is much better for the travelling public. Some liquor is brought from Penetanguishene, but very little sold, and what is sold is handled very quietly. The sale is not seen at all. Any intoxicated men have come from outside. So far as my experience goes, I would not have Local Option repealed on any account. W. A. SIMPSON, Butcher.

Mr. J. H. Knight, for 38 years Inspector of schools for East Victoria, has resigned.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 16.—In the fifteen counties of South Carolina which voted dry on August 15th last, the drastic prohibition law enacted at the last session of the Legislature went into effect last night. With the closing of the dispensaries in these fifteen counties of the State only six counties remain "wet," 21 having been "dry" at the time of the local option election last summer.

Birds Which Destroy Chinch Bugs.
The birds which are the most beneficial in destroying chinch bugs are quail, prairie chicken, meadow lark, red wing blackbird and catbird. It has come to be the belief of most entomologists and botanists that little help can be expected from the parasitic fungi in holding this insect pest in check.

Sea Kale.

Sea kale should be in every garden and would be a good money maker for our commercial growers. Seed sown in the spring makes plants that will yield the next year, and a patch handled like asparagus is good for many years to come. It actually pushes up the ground in slabs after the last freeze in spring. The bleached stalks are prepared and eaten like asparagus.

The Swiss Chard.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Meetings will be held at Fenelon Falls on Friday, Dec. 3. See bills.

BETHEL FOWL SUPPER.

There will be a fowl supper held in Bethel Methodist Church on the Bobcaygeon circuit, on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd. On Sunday, Nov. 21st, the Rev. J. U. Robins, of Blackstock, Cartwright circuit, will preach at the hour of seven o'clock in the evening. Rev. W. J. M. Cragg and Rev. A. Cooke will be present on the evening of the 23rd, and will entertain the audience with their popular addresses. Music by the Bethel choir will be rendered; also solos and recitations. Tickets: Adults 25c., children 15c. Tea served from 5 to 8.

DIED.

McKEE.—On Saturday, November 13, 1909, at Creemore, Ont., Alice McKee, second daughter of Rev. R. McKee. Deceased was a sister of Miss McKee who taught school at Fenelon Falls last winter.

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Oats, per bushel, 32 to 35
Pease, per bushel, 80 to 90
Potatoes, 25 to 30
Butter, per pound, 20 to 23
Eggs, per dozen, 23 to 24
Hay, per ton, \$14 to \$15
Hides, \$10 to \$11
Hogs, live, \$6.75 to \$7.50
Hogs, dressed, \$10 to \$11
Beef, \$5.50 to \$6
Sheepskins, 50 to 80
Wool, 17 to 18
Flour, Brandon's Best, \$2.90 to \$3.10
Flour, Silver Leaf, \$2.70 to \$2.90
Flour, Victoria, \$2.65 to \$2.85
Flour, new process, \$2.60 to \$2.80
Flour, family, clipper, \$2.55 to \$2.75
Bran, per 100 pounds, \$1.20 to \$1.25
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Plans, specifications, and the form of the contract to be entered into, can be seen on and after this date, at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, and at the office of the Superintending Engineer, Trent Canal, Peterboro, Ont., at which places forms of tender may be obtained.

Parties tendering will be required to accept the fair wages Schedule prepared or to be prepared by the Department of Labour, which Schedule will form part of the contract.

Contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered, unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and in the case of firms, unless there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the firm.

An accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$2,500.00 must accompany each tender, which sum will be forfeited, if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the work, at the rates stated in the offer submitted.

The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective contractors whose tenders are not accepted.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By order,

L. K. JONES,

Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals,

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