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The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, December 24, 1909

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Gazette wishes all its readers a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

VOTE FOR LOCAL OPTION.

In another column of this week's Gazette there is published a letter received by Mr. J. S. Northey from Mr. Tudhope of Orillia. In the letter Mr. Tudhope expresses his satisfaction with the working of Local Option in Orillia. This issue of the Gazette contains, also, statements by Mayor Vair and Mr. W. C. Hunter of Barrie, made at a public meeting in Orillia at which seventeen solid citizens spoke in favor of Local Option. The Gazette and other papers in the district have been publishing each week for some time past the opinions of prominent and reliable residents of local option towns to the effect that the law has not merely not injured, but has positively helped, business in these places, and has had other beneficial results.

Mr. J. D. Flavelle, who spoke at a meeting at Fenelon Falls last week, is working energetically for local option. Mr. Flavelle is well known as a level-headed business man. He is one of the largest taxpayers-if not the largest taxpayer—in Lindsay, and as he himself says, if local option will hurt Lindsay, it will hurt him as much as or more than anybody else. He is willing to take chances.

Add to the testimony and to the belief of men of the standing of Mr. Tudhope and Mr. Flavelle the fact that, out of the seventy-nine municipalities in Ontario in which local option could have been repealed last January, not one single municipality repealed the by-law, and there would seem to be nothing lacking in the shape of evidence that local option is working satisfactorily in the places where it is in force, and that it will work equally as well in Fenelon Falls | this week. if the electors have the good sense to vote in its favor on January 3rd. Conditions here are similar to conditions in other villages, and what is good for them will be good for us.

Against the overwhelming array of proof that local option "does the work," opponents of the measure have not yet advanced one argument that can for a moment be considered as having any weight. The advertisements issued and paid for by the Brewers and Malters Association are nothing but bald assertions. This Association is interested in selling liquor, but is opposing local option because under local option liquor would be sold (as they assert). The Association is very much afraid that liars and sneaks will be made by the shifts men wiil be put to to get liquor on the sly, at the same time that the drug stores are doing a "rushing" business and liquor is being sold illegally over the bars (according to the Association's advertisements).

If the taxation and revenue objections raised by anti-optionists were sound, it would mean that the total abstainers are undesirable citizens, at least as far as the finances of the town are concerned. If the abstainers could be persuaded to patronize the bars, the hotelmen could afford to pay higher licenses, and the town would prosper proportionately.

It is quite clear that if men do not spend their money for liquor, they will have it to spend for other things.

They would be far better off to pay the money to the tax collector directly rather than indirectly over the bar. Vote for local option.

If you are interested in farming or presented his financial statement. for profit you have probably noticed that there has been a great revival of interest in fruit growing. No other branch of agriculture offers so large a

Money in Fruit.

financial return at the present time, and it is because of this fact that large numbers of neglected orchards are being cleaned up, fertilized, pruned and sprayed. Such splendid profits are being realized that wide awake men are setting out new plantations of the best varieties in the firm belief that they will return a high percentage of profit on the capital invested. These men have carefully looked into the situation, and any who do likewise will most certainly come to the same conclusion. Ontario possesses beyond all question unrivalled possibilities as a fruit producing province. The climate and soil are unequalled on this continent. Markets have never been fully supplied with strictly high grade fruit, and are demanding larger quantities each year. To those who are looking for a more profitable line, we earnestly recommend a study of the fruit situation. The best informed and most expert fruit men in the province will be assembled at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph for the special course in fruit growing which commences on January 25th and ends on February 4th. Anybody who is interested cannot afford to miss the wealth of practical knowledge and up-to-date information which will be presented at that time. This free short course will be of great value to those engaged in fruit growing or contemplating going into the business.

Local Option Meetings.

Last Thursday evening Mr. J. D. Flavelle of Lindsay and Mr. H. S Magee of Toronto, Field Secretary of Social and Moral Reform, addressed a meeting in Dickson's hall. Both speakers made telling addresses, and were listened to with marked attention by the large audience. The success of local option in towns where it has been in force was made the chief plea for the adoption of the law here. Mr. Magee also emphasized the fact that the local optionists are fighting the system, not the men engaged in the business.

To-night (Thursday) a meeting is in progress. It is expected that next Thursday speakers from Lakefield, Midland, and Omemee will be here.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cameron are spend-Christmas with Mrs. Cameron's mother

at Underwood, Ont. Messrs. John D. Smith and G. H. G. McVity, of Port Hope, were in town on Saturday.

Mr. Sidney Morrison, of Lindsay, was at the Falls on Friday on business. Messrs. Wm. Britnell and Sam. Suddaby of Burnt River were visitors at the

Falls this week. Mr. Chas, Junkin, of Cannington was the guest of his cousin, Mr. W. T. Junkin,

Mr. Grattan Graham is spending the holidays at his home here. Mr. Chas. Deyman, of Hamilton is

spending Christmas at his home at the Falls. Miss Bessie Nie, of Orillia, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Burgess will spend Christmas with relatives at Sterling.

Burnt River.

(Correspondence of the Guzette.) OBITUARY.

There passed away on the 19th inst. one of the pioneers of this neighborhood -in fact the pioneer-in the person of Alex. Rettie Sr. We say the pioneer, as Mr. Rettie was the first to settle in this immediate neighborhood. Mr. Rettie came here in 1863, and was then a man who had left his youthful days behind, and until perhaps five or six years ago he was a prominent figure in all the neighborhood doings. When he came he had a family, his wife and four children, two boys and two girls. Mrs. Rettie died some 28 years ago. The sons and daughters have married and raised families, and a number of his grandchildren are married. Of the four children but one survives him, Mrs. Forbert of this place. Mr. Rettie was the first to own horses in the neighborhood, and old residents will not forget his kindness in doing team work for them. The writer has known him to drive to Fenelon Falls to accommodate a neighbour, which was considerably more of a job than it is now, as the roads were so much worse. Mr. Rettie was born in Scotland in February, 1810, so that he lacked very little of reaching the century mark.

Fenelon Council.

Cameron, December 15th, 1909. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved, on motion of Messrs. Par-

kin and Tompkins. A letter was received from W. Stevenson in reference to his wire fence being on the road allowance. It was decided to have the road surveyed. The treasur-

The following motions were passed: Parkin--Tolmie,-That a by-law be now introduced to provide for the holding of the municipal election.

The by-law was passed in the usual Thursday evening.

manner, Mr. Tolmie in the chair. Tompkins-Parkin,-That W. J. Read be paid \$8 for work done by him on Ops

and Fenelon boundary. Parkin-Tompkins, -- That this council confirm the payment by the treasurer of \$2.31 interest to the Bank of B. N. A.

Tolmie-Parkin,-That Henry Tompkins be repaid \$40 paid by him to the Sawyer-Massey Co. for cement moulds. Parkin-Tolmie,-That I. W. Moynes,

Cambray, be paid \$1 for storing the cement moulds. Parkin-Tompkins,-That R. Arkesy

be paid \$1 for one day's roadwork. Tompkins -Tolmie, -That the following bills be paid: Lewis Moynes, bonus on 8 rods wire fence, \$2; Wm. Ellery, do. on 23 do., \$5.75; John McNabb, do. on 20 do., \$5.00; Alex. Rutherford, do. on 16 do., \$4; George D. Isaac, do. on 37 do., \$9.25; George Martin, do. on. 60 do., \$15; John Mark, do. on 22 do., \$5.50; Neil Mark, do. on 4 do., \$1; Arthur Byrnell, repairs to bridge on his beat, \$1.50; J. T. Palmer, for telephone and disinfectant, \$1; E. D. Hand, kalf pay on printing contract, \$25; Geo. D. Isaae, for grovel, \$10; John Bate, culvert on new road, \$3; E. English, for 158 loads of gravel, \$7.90; Clerk, bal. on B. D. & M., \$2.20, and balance on half year's salary, \$30: total, \$32.20; G. M. Webster, repairs to Ferrin's bridge, \$10; C. Woolacott, for culvert for his beat, \$2; B. Westaway, for 129 loads of gravel, \$6.45; Jas. Rodgers, for two culverts on his beat, \$5; Geo. W. Taylor, Verulam treasurer, shalf pay for culvert, \$6.25; E. McGregor, for culvert on R. Begg's beat, \$10; W. Chambers, for railing on bridge, \$1.50; W. James, for 370 loads of gravel, \$18.50; F. Chambers, for culvert and drain in Cambray, \$2.49; J. Naylor, for culvert on N. Carmichael's beat, \$2.50; A. Sinclair, for 92 loads of gravel, \$4.60; Jas. Brown, for two culverts upon his beat, \$12; M. Maybee, for use of the Orange hall, \$2; Thos. Smitheram, on collector's salary, \$60; M. Maybee, on treasurer's salary, \$40; J. R. McNeillie, expense of crushing 30 cords of stone, \$12; T. Downer, for two culverts on his beat, \$7; H. Thompkins, for work in connection with cement moulds, \$2. Council then adjourned,

J. B. POWLES, T'p Clerk.

Verulam Council.

The township council met in the town hall, Bobeaygeon, on Wednesday. The reeve, E. Tiers, occupied the chair, and all the councillors were present.

The usual batch of correspondence was presented and duly dealt with. Mr. Purdy stated that there was some

\$16.50 owing on Verulam's account for culverts on the boundary line. Mr. Green said he had a credit of \$10.25, and suggested that \$6.25 be granted him on his division to be charged against next year, which was agreed upon by motion of Messrs. Lewis and Brooks. On motion of Messrs. Brooks and Lew-

is, Mr. Mitchell was authorized to dispose of the lumber and other materials used in the construction of the bridge at Dunsford.

Orders were passed for the following. Mr. J. McIlmoyle was allowed to take the wood on side line between lots 25 and 26, con. 10, at \$2.

On motion of Messrs. Brooks and Mitchell, Mr. Brooks was allowed a grant of \$5.15, to be charged against his Division next year.

On motion of Messrs. Mitchell and Green, Mr. Brooks was allowed a grant of \$32.92, to be charged against his Division next year.

Mr. John B. Kennedy presented his roll with the taxes fully collected to a cent, including even the non-residents, and was complimented upon his good work. The roll was on motion received.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid: Wm. Thurston, Trustee order, \$425.00; Wm. Thurston, services Board of Health, \$4; Wm. Hetherington, services B. of H, \$4; Dr. Boyd, Board of Health and disinfecting, \$3.00; Silas Thurston, 1 sheep killed, \$6.66; John Burges, 1 sheep killed, \$6.66; rebates statute labor: Wm. Thurston, \$5.00; Albert White, \$1.00; F. Brien, \$6.00; Jos. Capstick, \$6.00; Jas. McCallum, \$9.00; Thos. English, \$4.00; W. Purdy, culvert boundary H & V, \$6.25; E. Tiers, sessional allowance and commission, \$44.00; Wm. Green, sessional allowance and commission, \$35.00; Geo. Brooks, sessional allowance and commission, \$30.00; John Mitchell, sessional allowance and commission, \$33.00; I. Lewis, sessional allowance and commission, \$30.60; G. W. Taylor, balance salary clerk and treasurer, \$117.83; Jno. B. Kennedy, salary. Collector, \$45.00; Corporation Bobcaygeon, for hall rent, \$30.00; A. Dunseath, selecting Jurors, \$4.00. Balance of accounts unavoidably left.

out will appear next week.

Baddow.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

Mr. Howard Wilson and Miss Ola. Townsend spent Sunday at Cembray. Mr. and Mrs. James Graham and Miss Gertrude, of Sturgeon Point, were in Baddow last week.

Miss Alice Suggitt is visiting at Mr. Golden's this week.

Mr. Otto Poulsom was a visitor in our. little burgh on Sunday. Mr. Sam Slade, of Fenelon Falls, was. a guest in Baddow and Burnt River on

Sunday. Mr. Arthur Goodhand left on Tuesday. for Donald, where he is employed in the

camps for the winter. Mr. Alfred Mason and Mrs. Wedlock were home last week, attending the funeral of their father, Mr. Wm. Mas n.

Mr. J. Burness passed through Baddow on Thursday, on his way to the camp at Donald.

A number from here intend taking in the Christmas Tree at Coboconk on