

## Local Option Campaign.

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### MAYOR VAIR OF BARRIE SPEAKS.

At a largely attended Local Option meeting at Orillia a few days ago, Mayor Vair, of Barrie, was one of the speakers. He contradicted emphatically the assertion that is being made that Barrie is drawing trade from Orillia on account of Local Option being in force in the latter town. Mayor Vair said that one thing that struck him since he came to Orillia was the peace and quietness in the hotel in which he was staying, so different from what was found in hotels

in which liquor was sold. It was conceded, even by the hotelkeepers, that by 1911 Barrie would have Local Option. By that time they expected Barrie to be a city. Truth compelled him to say that, in his own business at least, trade had not increased during the past year or two as it should do. He had not seen any evidence of trade coming to Barrie because of Local Option in Orillia, and he did not believe Barrie had benefited one iota from this cause.

### THEY GO TO ORILLIA TO SHOP.

Mr. W. C. Hunter, who, though a young looking man, said he had been in active business in Barrie for twenty-six years, also gave some clear cut testimony on this point. During his business career he had become reasonably familiar with the faces of his customers. As he was in the men's furnishings business, ninety per cent. of his trade was done with men. He had watched closely to see whether any unfamiliar faces had appeared in Barrie after Local Option had been passed in Orillia. He had not seen any. He did not believe that \$10 worth

of trade had gone to Barrie because of Local Option in Orillia. On the other hand, more than a score of times mothers had told him, when he enquired why they now came to town so seldom, that they were influencing their sons and husbands to go to Orillia to shop because there were no bars there to tempt them. Licenses were an injury to Barrie—not a help. He had no doubt that Local Option would get the required 60 per cent. in Barrie the next time it was voted upon. He hoped that Orillia would re-enact the by-law with 90 per cent.

### Somerville Council.

Council met Dec'r 15th. All the members present and the reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Byrne—Hoskin.—The By-law No. —, a by-law to provide for holding the annual municipal elections, be read and passed.—Carried.

The by-law was read and passed in the usual manner.

The treasurer's financial statement was presented, and, on motion of Messrs. Fell and Hoskins, was accepted, and the clerk was instructed to have 150 copies printed.

Hoskins—Fell.—That the following accounts be paid: George Train, salary, postage and stationery, \$57.00; Gull River Lumber Co., plank, \$13; J. C. McFarlane, for drawing plank and putting on bridge, \$4.35; The Peblar people for metal culvert, \$35.00; E. D. Hand, printing tax bills, \$3.50; D. McNamara, work on the road, \$27.50; T. C. Birchard, for half for police court, \$1; R. Sinclair, for gravel, \$1.90; S. Suddaby, bal. of salary, selecting jurors, postage, etc., \$50.50; R. A. Callan, councillor's fees and Board of Health, \$15; S. R. Carew, councillor's fees and works at bridge, \$15; Wm. Hoskins, councillor's fees, \$12.50; Jas. Fell, councillor's fees, \$12.50; T. Byrne, councillor's fees, \$12.50, and for overseeing work, \$10.50; total, \$23; A. Y. Hopkins, J. Golden and J. Wakelin, for attending Board of Health, each \$2.50; Josse Newman, for work on road, \$12; Hopkins Bros. & Mark, for chain, \$1.10.—Carried.

Byrne—Carew.—That the clerk instruct the county treasurer to withdraw the south part of lot No. 1, mill reserve, Kinmount, from sale, and write off arrears.—Carried.

Carew—Fell.—That E. R. Hopkins have instructions to make necessary repairs to the Nicholls bridge, so as to make it safe for travel, and render his bill for work and material to this council.—Carried.

Callan—Byrne.—That the collector be instructed see Mr. W. Gernyn re arrears of taxes against the south half of lot 1, con. 4, that accrued during the time said lot was owned by said Gernyn, with a view to collecting the same.—Carried. Council then adjourned.

A SUCCESS.—The bazaar held on Friday last by the Parish Workers turned out quite successfully, about \$45 being added to the funds of the organization.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Special Xmas music by the choir, as follows: Morning, "Sing to the Lord" (Beirly); Solo, Mr. Chas. Deyman; "There were Shepherds" (Earle). Evening, "Sing, O Heavens" (Emmerson); Solo, Mr. M. J. Wilson; "Glorious Song of Old" (Blomquist). The Pastor will preach at both services—morning, "The Word Made Flesh"—evening, "The Kingdom and the King."

THE RINKS.—The skating rink was open for the first time this season on Tuesday evening, and a good sized crowd was present. The curling rink is being rapidly got into shape, and the initial game will probably be played on Saturday, Christmas Day.

BASKET SOCIAL.—A basket social will be held at Fell's school house on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23th. A good programme of songs, readings, recitations, music, and dialogues will be rendered. A hearty invitation extended to all.

W. L.—The Women's Institute will not meet the last Friday of December on account of the holiday season. It was thought wise to postpone until January 7th, when the regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. J. Townley at the hour of 8 o'clock. All the ladies kindly keep this date in view.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—The pastor will preach on Sunday both morning and evening. Morning subject, "The Spirit of Xmas." In the evening a special sermon will be preached on "The Returns of a Year's Life." All will be made welcome.

### BORN.

POGUE.—In the township of Fenelon on Friday, December 17th, 1909, the wife of Mr. William Pogue of a daughter.

BETAU.—At Fenelon Falls, on Wednesday, December 22nd, 1909, the wife of Mr. Edward Betau of a son.

### DIED.

RETTIE.—At Burnt River, on Sunday, December 19th, 1909, Alexander Rettie, aged 99 years, 10 months and 7 days.

KNIGHT.—In the township of Fenelon, on Tuesday, December 21st, 1909, Frederick W. Knight, aged 37 years, 8 months and 18 days.

### FENELON FALLS MARKETS

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Barley, per bushel, 45 to 50  
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Potatoes, 25 to 30  
Butter, per pound, 20 to 23  
Eggs, per dozen, 23 to 24  
Hay, per ton, \$14 to \$15  
Hides, \$9 to \$10  
Hogs, live, \$7.75 selects  
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  
Shorts, do., \$1.25 to \$1.35  
Mixed Chop, do., \$1.35 to \$1.50

### CARD OF THANKS AND WARNING

I wish to publicly acknowledge my thanks to our family physician, Dr. H. H. Graham, for his kindness and skill in the recent illness at my home in Fenelon Falls in preventing the disease spreading, as only one person in a family of six was affected. To Dr. Johnstone, M.H.O., the Board of Health, Mr. John Jones and his assistants as sanitary officers, I also extend my sincere thanks for their promptness and consideration, as well as to all those who offered their sympathy and help.

To those who told untruths and in many ways tried to add to the trouble, if they continue or repeat they certainly will have to straighten the tangles in the courts of justice.

Respectfully yours,  
ALBERT E. MINTHORNE.  
Rosedale, Dec. 22nd, 1909.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Another instance of aggressive enterprise on the part of the "Toronto Daily Star" is furnished by its action in sending to England a member of its staff, Mr. Joseph T. Clark, to remain there until the close of the British Election Campaign.

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3. The Canadian Associated Press cables.
4. The Associated Press cables.

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