Correspondence of the Gazette

We wish to refer to the results of the local option polling on New Year's Day throughout Ontario. The temperance forces were victorious, and the results prove that the doom of the open bar in Ontario is sealed. A great many people don't say very much against intemperance, but their private opinion is that the open bars should be and will soon be a thing of the past. In fifteen contests on Jan. 1st for the repeal of the local option by-law not a single one of the municipalities voted for the repeal. The by law is seldom repealed in any township, village, town or city in which the bars have been banished. Did you ever notice that where the bars have been closed on holidays there has been less drunkenness. These facts are very encouraging to the temperance people. Nineteen places carried local option, cutting off thirty-two licenses. If local option had been carried in Bexley township a year ago there is a possibility that it might have prevented a great deal of sorrow and anguish. These words will come true.

Our school reopened last Wednesday with Miss S. Francis in charge.

Mr. E. Kendal is cutting quite a number of saw logs on the Hewie estate, and and will deliver them on Sturgeon Lake shore for a Lindsay lumber firm, Mr. Jno. Barber and Mr. Sam Moore

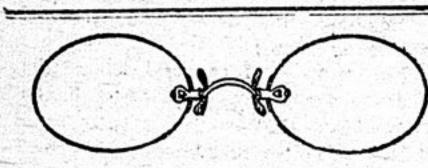
are assisting Mr. Kendal. Mrs. Thos. Harrison is recovering from

an attack of lagrippe. Mr. Jas. Fell is on the sick list. Dr. Johnstone of Fenelon Falls is the attend-

ing physician. Mrs. S. Varcoe, formerly of this locality. but for some years residing in Chicago, died recently. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooper of Lindsay went to Chicago to attend the funeral.

The trustees of the school and the church have retained the services of W. H. Powles as caretaker for 1912.

In the western provinces the battle for larger markets is not yet over, and the government that won't give the farmers access to the markets of United States will have to get out.



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