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WM. CAMPBELL

Twelfth Month DECEMBER 1912

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The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1912.

Merry Christmas.

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

The Local Option Campaign.

Two local option meetings were held here this week, one on Monday evening and the other on Tuesday, at which excellent addresses were delivered. The hall was well filled on both occasions by appreciative audiences. T. Albert Moore, D. D., of Toronto, was the speaker on Monday evening. Dr. Moore said it was a marvel to him how men could go on repeating the assertion that more liquor is consumed in local option municipalities than was consumed under license, in face of the fact that in more than half of Ontario local option is in force, and that the people in these places cannot be induced to repeal the by-law. Last January only three repeals were tried, and not one of them was successful. He quoted from the license returns, showing that drunkenness and crime had decreased very greatly in local option municipalities, and that in the portion of the province still under license, convictions were enormously in excess of the larger portion of the province under local option. The speaker characterized the liquor traffic as a persistent law breaker. He charged those engaged in the liquor traffic with encouraging the treating custom. As to the charge that local option would injure business, there is abundant proof that the contrary is the case. Several instances were mentioned where local option had helped business, and one case in particular was cited where one man had collected nine hundred dollars of accounts that he had marked off his books as no good. The benefits resulting from local option had been so apparent that nothing could induce the people to go back to license where local option had been tried. On Tuesday evening the meeting was addressed by Messrs. Jos. Hickson and W. C. Moore, of Bobcaygeon, and Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Toronto, in the order named. Mr. Hickson said it was easier to enforce the local option than the license law, because there still existed all the machinery used to enforce the license law, with additional facilities. He read several extracts from the Liquor License Act proving this point, and dealt briefly with the various objections commonly made to local option, showing there is nothing in them. The staff of secret service men in Toronto can be called upon if required. In one case in Bobcaygeon detectives were applied for. Two were sent, and they caught the offender, who was fined \$50 and costs. Mr. Hickson estimates that there is not more than one fourth of the amount of liquor consumed in Bobcaygeon, at the very outside limit, that was consumed under license. He is secretary of the Bobcaygeon fair, and notices a great change for the better since local option was passed. Mr. Walker, of Uxbridge, one of the judges of dairy cattle, remarked on the absence of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and said, "If this is what local option does, it is all right." The speaker dealt briefly with the recent futile attempt to get a repeal vote.

Mr. W. C. Moore was then called upon, and dealt very effectively with the question from a business standpoint. Bobcaygeon people, he said, were interested in the contest here because local option would be easier to enforce in Bobcaygeon if it were also in operation in Fenelon Falls. No change in established customs or usages was ever made without difficulty. He cited the invention of the steam engine, and the reluctance of farmers to use self-binders when they were first introduced. The time had come to make the change of removing the sale of liquor from the hotels. He complimented Hon. Colonel Sam Hughes on the stand he took in abolishing liquor in the militia camps, and

Dr. Sproule in discontinuing its use at state dinners. If it is a good thing to banish liquor from these places, why wouldn't it be a good thing to abolish it everywhere? Mr. Moore said he believes there is not nearly one-fourth as much beer consumed in Bobcaygeon as formerly, and he had very good opportunities for observing. Rowdiness had almost disappeared. As to business, liquor had helped some men out of business in Bobcaygeon. There had been six new houses built in Bobcaygeon the past summer, and carpenters and painters had to be brought in from the Falls and Lindsay to do the work. He could give names of men who had paid off debts that they could not pay before. A farmer of his acquaintance, who had been a drinker, expressed approval of local option because, he said, he was not hauled off to take a drink whenever he came to town. Mr. Moore said that the tourist trade last year was the best they ever had, and tourists were better satisfied. One class of tourists had been lost, and did not come here any more—a party of glassblowers that used a lot of liquor: the speaker did not know where they spent their holidays now. There was another similar party from Pennsylvania, but the village was better without them. The tax rate in Bobcaygeon for 1912 is the same as in 1909, although there had been a largely increased expenditure for school purposes. Mr. Moore spoke of the attempt to repeal the by-law. The anti had made a thorough canvass and had got only 59 per cent., while 77 per cent. was needed. One man who signed the repeal petition was told it had to be voted on every three years anyway. The man who took the petition around would not sign it himself. The speaker thought non-drinkers could scarcely properly sympathize with men addicted to drink. There never was a greater libel than the assertion that if you let liquor alone it will let you alone. It is a mistake to say the man who drinks is a fool. Many of the brightest men have been drinkers. Local option is not perfect, but it is the best thing we have.

Rev. Dr. McTavish was the next speaker. He drew an eloquent picture of the endless procession of poverty-stricken down-and-outs in New York, taking the loaves of bread given them as charity to the saloon to exchange for liquor. The procession ended with boys. Whose boys? Nobody can say. Anyone's child is exposed to the danger, and may fall. On a public bridge no one is allowed to drive faster than a walk. That is prohibition, and it is designed to protect property. But we license the hotels to ruin boys. Every good feature of the liquor law is a prohibitory feature. Last year in Orillia there was not one family in need of charity. Two arguments for local option he wished to mention. One is that there has not been a single repeal of local option in the past two years. No argument on the other side can combat that. The editorial in the October number of the Wine and Spirit Journal was another argument for local option. This article warned the liquor trade that their business was in danger by reason of local option, and called upon them to use every effort to defeat it, stating that "it is much easier to defeat local option now than to repeal it after it is passed." Some said local option would be the Scott Act over again. This was not true. The Scott Act was a political football kicked between Ottawa and Toronto. Local option has the Government behind it to enforce it. The motto of the German emperor in the Franco-German war was: "Go forward in God's name, without fear and without weariness." We are in this thing to win. Let your motto be "There's a better day dawning"; let your prayer be "God speed the right."

Votes of thanks were tendered the speakers on both evenings. The orchestra was present on Tuesday evening and rendered valuable assistance.

Fenelon Council Proceedings.

Cameron, December 14th, 1912. Council met to complete the year's business, and all its members were present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The following motions were passed:

Parkin—Tompkins.—That the treasurer be allowed an abatement of \$8.00 on the roll of 1911.

Lee—Mark.—That By-law 638 be amended by striking out the words "a siding" in section 1, and using in their stead the words "three sidings."

The by-law was passed in the usual manner.

Mark—Tompkins.—That a by-law

be introduced providing for the holding of the annual elections. The by-law was given its three readings and signed and sealed.

Lee—Mark.—That council grant \$25.00 to the Fenelon Agricultural Society.

Tompkins—Parkin.—That Wildon Imrie be appointed to oversee putting stone on road at lot 25 con 6.

Lee—Parkin.—That the following taxes be refunded as charged in error: Wm. Webster, dog tax, \$1.00; Felix Northey, statute labor, \$2.00.

Lee—Parkin.—That the following taxes be rebated: Mrs. Wm. Byrnell, \$4.21; A. Stone, \$1.05.

Lee—Mark.—That Chas. Coppins's statute labor on J. Westaway's beat be performed in 1913.

Parkin—Lee.—That the following bills be paid: For bonuses on wire fence, \$137.50; for 680 loads of gravel, \$68.00; W. F. James, work on road, \$1.40; T. R. James, fence for gravel pit, \$1.61; Gazette, printing election notices, \$2.50; Ops treasurer, half pay for work on Ops and Fenelon boundary, \$14; John Brien, culvert on his beat, \$5; A. Hore, work on his beat, \$13; Robt. Eyres, 1 1/2 days' extra work on road, \$1.25; W. H. Powles, postage and stationery, \$3.93; Wm. Arksey, repairing scraper, \$1.00; Clerk, B. D. M. report, \$7.60, on salary \$40.00: total, \$47.60; Treasurer, on salary \$45, for hall \$2.00: total, \$47.00; Wm. Golden, extra road work, \$5.00; Municipal World, for forms, \$2.13. Geo. Woolcott, one day's road work with team, \$3.00; J. A. Patterson, extra road work, \$5.00; Herbert Wagar, two and one-half days' extra road work, \$2.50; Councillors for commission work, \$48.40.

Address and Presentation.

On Friday evening the staff of Townley Bros. tailoring establishment met at the home of Miss Bella Rutherford of Verulam, one of their number, and presented her with a handsome set of silver knives and forks and an address, which was read by Miss M. Horsley, the presentation being made by Mr. A. Trudel. The address was as follows:

To Miss Bella Rutherford,—
We, the shop friends, wish to express in a tangible way the love and esteem we have for you. Your kind sympathetic manner, your ladylike deportment, and your high ideals of life have won for you a warm place in our hearts. As you leave us for your new home we wish you to carry this little token of our friendship, which we hope will often serve to remind you of the many pleasant hours we spent together. With it you have our very best wishes for your success and happiness.

Signed on behalf of the shop friends,

Miss Maggie Horsley
Mr. Archie Trudel

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wagar of Meaford are visiting Mr. L. Deyman.

Mr. Geo. Jordan of Lindsay spent Friday at the Falls.

Miss Bessie Lucey, who has been visiting Rev. C. S. and Mrs. Lord, left on Tuesday for her home in Grafton.

Miss Vera Sharp is the guest of Lindsay friends.

Miss E. Power left on Tuesday for Downeyville.

Mrs. W. H. Robertson of Peterboro was the guest over Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brandon.

Messrs. A. C. Ferguson and E. Barnes left on Monday for Gravenhurst.

Mr. John Stewart is home from the West.

Mr. John Kelly of Clear Creek, Minnesota, is visiting his brother, Mr. Chas. Kelly, and other relatives. This is Mr. Kelly's first visit to his old home since he went to the States thirty-one years ago. He intends to remove to the Canadian West next spring.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS TREE.

The annual entertainment and Christmas tree of the Salvation Army will be held on Monday, Dec. 23rd, in Dickson's hall, commencing at 8 o'clock. A good programme will be provided. Admission 15c.

Bibles, Hymn Books, Story and Picture Books at Vicars' Drug Store.

SALE OF HOMEMADE COOKING.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church will hold a sale of homemade cooking on Saturday, Dec. 21st in the store lately occupied by the Misses Abbot. Admission free. Tea will be served from 5 to 8 o'clock, for 15c.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

On Thursday evening a Christmas tree and entertainment was largely attended and much enjoyed. Santa Claus excelled himself, and the tea, the programme and everything was a great success.

On Sunday next the Pastor will preach appropriate Christmas sermons, and the choir will render suitable Christmas music.