

# Mr. Spence Visits Grimsby

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From the Grimsby Independent: The largest public meeting ever held in the village of Grimsby was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 8, 1909, when Mr. Ben. H. Spence, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, Toronto, Rev. Wm. Mitchell and Jas. A. Livingston spoke on the Local Option question.

The meeting was called by the Local Option party, and Mr. Spence came on their invitation to present the Local Option side of the question. The opposition were invited and were given one hour's time in which to state their case. Messrs. Mitchell and Livingston responded and addressed the meeting against the Local Option.

The ratepayers of both the village and the township turned out in large numbers and at a quarter to eight it was impossible to get near the doors of the town hall. Inside, the platform was filled to its limit, the body of the hall was crowded to the doors and the ante-room was filled to its capacity and probably one hundred or more had to return to their homes because they were unable to get within hearing distance of the speakers.

Mr. C. W. Harrison was appointed chairman and proved to be an excellent one, as during the evening the best of order was maintained.

A few minutes after eight o'clock Mr. Spence took the platform and for an hour his eloquence, earnestness and clear ringing voice held the peace and clear ringing voice held the peace and clear ringing voice held the peace.

Mr. Livingston stated that under License Law, liquor would be for sale in one or two places in Grimsby, while under Local Option it would be drunk freely in thirty or forty places, in fact it was now, always had been, and always would be scattered all over town in stables, barns, orchards, along the lake shore and on the mountain side, where different gangs of men and boys spent a great deal of time, especially on Saturday night or Sunday, drinking and carousing.

He claimed, was the direct outgrowth of Local Option. The liquor, instead of being sold under the proper supervision of the law, was being thrust under the noses of men and boys all over the town and even out in the country. He cited the case of where the constables found a number of men carousing on the O'Hara place in North Grimsby on a Sunday afternoon and this carousing was only one of hundreds that had taken place during the past three years. The temperance people knew about this case and admitted it, because the constables found the men and the empty beer kegs and empty whiskey bottles right there, but they were away behind in finding those things out, as they have been in existence ever since Local Option was established in Grimsby.

In reply to Mr. Spence's statement that out of ninety-seven places which had adopted Local Option, only a small percentage had repealed it, Mr. Livingston said that a large percentage of those ninety-seven places were townships in which there were not any hotels, or perhaps only one or two roadside hotels, and as the day of the usefulness of these hotels had passed, there was no further need of license and consequently, no occasion to repeal Local Option.

He read extracts from the newspapers of the day where four out of five large cities in Massachusetts had repealed Local Option on Dec. 7, 1909. He pointed out that every town, city and village in Long Island had repealed Local Option, one city having repealed it after it being in force for fifty years.

Mr. Livingston held that the experience all over America was to the effect that Local Option was not the cure for the drinking habit. Local Option did not help the drinker, Local Option did not strengthen the character of the man, did not build up the character of the boy, and worst of all it allowed an unlimited traffic in liquor amongst individuals—men who formerly took a drink or two in the bar-room, now had a whole bottle or perhaps a keg.

"If," said the speaker, "Local Option had been beneficial to the drinking men of Grimsby, show me the results, show me the men that have been benefited, produce me a man in Grimsby who is a drinking man under license, but is drinking as much or more under Local Option. There is only one way to cure the drunkard and that is to make him give up the drink habit, make him sign the pledge and refrain from drinking or going where he can be tempted to drink, but the mere fact of closing the bar and allowing him to sit around kegs and jugs and to carry bottles around with him is a mere farce, and the system that allows it is simply a farce.

He urged the people to vote against Local Option, as the license system is a better system, and Grimsby stood badly in need of first-class hotel accommodation. Mr. Spence had fifteen minutes to reply and tried to deal with the question covered by the two previous speakers, but his lack of knowledge about local affairs was a serious handicap to him.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman and the speakers. WILL PRINT ANNOUNCEMENTS. In future there will be no announcements made from the pulpit in St. Andrew's church. The announcements will be printed on slips of paper and placed in the pews.

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# J. W. WAKELY

### VERULUM COUNCIL

The township council met in the town hall, Bobcaygeon, recently, the reeve, E. Tiers, in the chair, and all the councillors present.

The usual batch of correspondence was presented, and duly dealt with. Mr. Purdy stated that there was some \$16.50 owing on Verulum account for culverts on the boundary line. Mr. Green said he had a credit line 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 Lewis Mr. Mitchell was authorized to dispose of the lumber and material used in construction of the bridge at Dunford.

Orders were passed for the following: Mr. J. McIlroy was allowed to take the wood on side line between 26 and 28 con. 10, at \$2. On motion of Messrs. Brooks and Mitchell, Mr. Lewis 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.

**GOLD-HEADED CANE.** Mr. R. M. Beal was presented with a gold-headed cane by his employees on Christmas eve.

**CHRISTMAS TURKEYS.** The R. M. Beal Leather Company presented their employees with large turkey each on Christmas eve. They distributed in all 57 turkeys.

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## What SCIENTISTS Say Against Local Option:---

**Professor A. B. MacCallum,**  
Lecturer on Physiology to the University of Toronto:  
"The results of careful experiments show that alcohol, taken in diluted form in small doses is absorbed within the body and so supplies energy like common articles of food and that it is incorrect to designate it as a poison."

**Professor F. H. Pye-Smith,**  
Lecturer in Guy's Hospital Medical School, London:  
"Malt liquors, for a large number of people (perhaps for most adults) do more good than harm when taken with meals. Temperance is much better than abstinence."

**Prof. Lafayette B. Mendel,**  
Yale University, New Haven:  
"Man is by nature a temperate animal and it is only by distinguishing between temperance and intemperance (i.e. use and abuse) that the evils of alcoholism can be combated. Present methods fail in this respect."

**Professor T. J. Clouston,**  
Lecturer to the University of Scotland, Edinburgh:  
"Alcohol is a food, and may in a diluted form (as in beer) be a very valuable adjunct to ordinary foods, by exciting appetite, by improving digestion, and by stimulating certain nutritive processes, e.g. the laying on of fat."

**Local Option does not promote temperance--it does promote the misuse of drink.**

"It should not be taught that the drinking of one or two glasses of beer or wine at meals, by a grown-up person, is dangerous; for it is not true."

**Prof. (of Chemistry) W. O. Atwater**  
Wheaton University.

**Prof. (of Pathology) E. P. Bowditch**  
Harvard University.

**Prof. (of Pathology) R. H. Chittenden**  
Yale University.

**Dr. Wm. H. Welch, (of Pathology)**  
Johns Hopkins University.

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Mr. Albert MacPhee, Chignecto Mines, N.S., writes:—"In Oct., 1908, I caught cold by working in water, and had very bad cough and that distressing, tickling sensation in my throat so I could not sleep at night, and my lungs were so very sore I had to give up work. Our doctor gave me medicine but it did me no good so I got a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and by the time I had used two bottles I was entirely cured. I am always recommending it to my friends."

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup combines the potent healing virtues of the Norway pine tree with other absorbent, expectorant and soothing medicines of recognized worth, and is absolutely harmless, prompt and safe for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Croup, Sore Throat, Pain or Tightness in the Chest, and all Throat and Lung Troubles.

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