

Meeting Opposed to Local Option

Resolution Adopted Declaring it Unwise to Introduce Measure in Lindsay.

A largely attended meeting of the merchants and citizens generally was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening for the purpose of discussing the question of submitting a local option by-law to the ratepayers in January, 1910.

THE MAYOR PRESIDES.

His Worship Mayor Begg occupied the chair, and stated that he had been requested to call this meeting to consider whether it was advisable for Lindsay as a farmers' town to submit the question of local option to the ratepayers.

A PETITION

Mr. L. V. O'Connor presented a petition signed by 500 ratepayers who were not favorable to the presentation of such a by-law. He read several pages of signatures, and said he felt it was his duty as a citizen to attend the meeting. He was interested in the welfare of the town, as he was the representative of several estates owning store properties. This was a question of great importance to the town, he contended. Mr. O'Connor said he was not a teetotaler neither could he be classed as a drinking man. He had no use for the hotel keeper who infringes the liquor license act. This matter was, he considered, broader than one usually put forward at a temperance meeting. Anything that would tend to stagnate and drive away trade was not desirable. In the first place, Mr. O'Connor argued if local option came the hotel properties would be obliged to close up. We all know, the speaker said, that there is not a vacant store here, and that being the case the value of Kent-st. property is up to a certain standard and is also at a premium. There are on the main street certain hotels, and if local option came the tenants would not be able to pay the rent and would be compelled to cancel their leases and move out. The hotels would then have to be turned into stores, for which there is no demand at present. Should they be converted into stores they would demand a good rent in order to pay the owner. Could you, the speaker asked, get outside merchants to come in and pay the rents in face of competition? You may argue, he continued, that the local merchants can improve their position, but the fact is that the value of the property will depreciate. The speaker said he did not argue the question of hotel keepers putting money in the business and then being cut off by local option. Lindsay was in a peculiar position, being in the heart of one of the finest agricultural districts in the province. When depression sweeps over the country Lindsay does not feel it, because it does not rely on its industrial conditions, but on the farmers who come to the town in large numbers. Lindsay has good highways leading into it, and every effort is made to induce the farmers of the district to do business here. If local option is adopted accommodation will be cut off, and probably some one will dole out the accommodation at a rate of 25 cents. The hotel keepers to remain in the business under the new conditions, must increase their rates, and this will result in driving trade to outside points. Local option, Mr. O'Connor stated, struck him as a revolution. Blotting out one system and putting in an opposite one, is going too fast. Reform must be brought about by education. It would be better to wait until it was tested satisfactorily in other points. The town of Midland had not the country back of it that Lindsay has and could not be compared. "I would like to see it tested before making the high dive," remarked the speaker. Many will say it works well in other places and plenty can be found who will say just the opposite. Continuing, the speaker stated that local option was about to be voted on in Peterboro. Lindsay citizens pride themselves on having a better town than Peterboro the question is one of existence with the citizens, and if local option is introduced the farmers living east of the city will transact their business in Peterboro. If Peterboro adopted local option, it certainly will not hurt Lindsay citizens to see how it works. If restrictions are put on the liquor trade in that city it will drive trade to Lindsay. However, if Peterboro does it down, it would be desirable for this town to wait until it is tested elsewhere. The people need to be educated, the speaker said, and it was premature to submit such a proposition in the present year.

OPPOSED TO IT.

Mr. J. H. Sootheran said he was not in favor of the license commissioners, and would be unwise and indiscreet for him to say very much. He agreed with the remarks of the previous speaker, and was not in favor of local option. He was, he said, prom-

ent as a temperance worker at Millbrook during the Dunkin Act, and he declared he never knew what drinking was until that act came into force. The speaker also cited incidents in connection with the large amount of drinking which he declared was indulged in in Lindsay in Scott act days. "If prohibition came up to drive the manufacture and sale of liquor out of the province I would support it," said Mr. Sootheran in conclusion.

AN ANARCHISTIC PRINCIPLE

Mr. H. B. Black said he was not diffident about his position. He was the only name Mr. O'Connor hung up on the petition, and he always prided himself on his handwriting. (Laughter.) He was a believer in temperance and decency, and was also a believer in law and authority. Local option and kindred measures are coercive, and tend to encourage contempt for law and authority. These hysterical movements are an incentive to lawlessness and disorder. There were enough anarchistic principles in vogue at present. There is a moral objection to such an innovation, and the speaker cited as proof of this contention the establishment of blind pigs, etc. Men would satisfy that craving, that desire that was in every human heart. Liquor was an auxiliary food, and was recognized as such. Some did not like it, and it was a terrible evil when taken to excess. Such legislation as was proposed, the speaker said, encouraged prostitution of virtue and manhood, and he objected seriously to it.

ENCOURAGES EVIL.

Mr. Jas. Graham said the subject was a new one in town. Mr. Bipek's views met with his idea. It brought contempt for law, encouraged perjury and other evils.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Mr. John Fleury said he was not in favor of local option at the present time. All the accommodation at present was needed and it would not do to cut it off. The town depends largely upon the farmers.

THE MAYOR SPEAKS

His Worship Mayor Begg was thankful for the privilege afforded him of presiding. In referring to his stand and vote on license reduction a year ago His Worship stated that he was criticized by one paper but that he did not reply to the criticisms. The town had not suffered as a result of his stand. Lindsay had at present eight hotels and every Saturday farmers are looking for stables, and it was a common thing to see travellers in search of accommodation, which was at present insufficient. The hotels in Lindsay conducted a good business, and if the accommodation should be cut off it would have to be supplied in some way. The Mayor said it was unfair for some citizens and a few women to agitate for local option. They had their homes to go to, but the travellers had to hunt for accommodation. He considered Lindsay was one of the best towns in the hotel line in Ontario. The hotel proprietors kept good houses. In local option towns, the speaker said, before the introduction of this measure the hotels were locked up at reasonable hours, but under present conditions in the cool of the night you could find a room full of young men and old men drinking, and it wasn't soda water either. Any merchant in town knows that trade has increased because Woodville, Kirkfield and Omemee trade comes here. If Peterboro wants to try it, well and good, and if it is a good thing, in time let us have it, said the speaker in conclusion.

LET IT STAND OVER.

Mr. Jos. Brown said he was not in favor of the proposition, and it was unnecessary for him to say anything because the ground was covered by Messrs. O'Connor and Black. During the Scott act period in Lindsay the speaker said there was more harm done in three months than in the three previous years. He was in a position to know, as he was identified then with a business where liquor was sold. It was well, he thought, to let it stand over for a year.

WILL FIGHT DRINK EVIL.

Mr. Stubbings referred to a statement regarding the evil of drinking in England, and said he saw plenty of sly drinking in this country on all sides. "If you ever saw what I saw in England you would put it away," said the speaker.

NOT IMPRESSED.

Mr. D. Cinnamon said he did not want any one to think that he was opposed to local option or in favor of it until proper consideration is given. Every question has two sides and this question must be thought out. He was not impressed with local option conditions in some towns, especially in Owen Sound. He believed in temperance and was of the opinion that license laws would be a thing of the past in a few years. In Owen Sound conditions were not favorable. The sum of \$2.00 was charged on the occasion of a visit

there for accommodation that was not worth \$1.00. The laws were not enforced, and were broken in a mean, low way, such as carrying liquor under one's coat. On the occasion of a recent visit to Campbellford no breakfast was served at a local hotel. The travelling public, he contended, should have accommodation. We know what we have got, the speaker said. This is a country town, and if we change, we must make provision for accommodation. Enforce the license act at present in vogue. He would be sorry to see Lindsay like Owen Sound and Campbellford.

TOO MUCH PRESUMED

Mr. Newton Smale said he had listened with interest to the different speakers, and did not agree completely with the arguments. The first speaker was somewhat contradictory in respect to his reference to Kent-st. property. He stated that property on this thoroughfare was at a premium, and afterwards deplored the fact that the abolition of the hotels might make more space available. Mr. Smale did not agree with the argument that local option was an attempt to encourage morals by law. The most earnest local optionist does not propose that. He was not in a position to say who the men were who would endorse local option and no one had a right to say that those in favor of the measure are hostile to the best interests of the town. Another argument that was used was that Peterboro would vote for local option. Distance he considered, was no object at this age. In regard to the argument that it would be wise to wait, Mr. Smale said they were not without examples of its success. Too much, he thought had been presumed by the speakers.

THE LAW EVADED

Mr. Herb Middleton said if local option carried here Lindsay would lose a good citizen in himself. (Laughter.) Mr. Smale, he continued claimed that this by-law was one to improve the morals of the community.

Mr. Smale—No, that is not so.

Mr. Middleton argued that Mr. Cinnamon had cited places where the measure was not a success, but Mr. Smale did not name a place where it was beneficial. The speaker stated that in one local option centre not twenty miles from Lindsay there were five places where liquor was sold. Local option, he argued would not do away with the selling. Mr. Beattie, of Omemee, recently informed him that he was obliged to put fourteen men out of his stable on one occasion, and Mr. McKinnon, a former hotel keeper in Bethany, had also cited an instance to illustrate how the law was being evaded. The liquor business is a legitimate one and is controlled by law. The local license commissioners were men of repute, and they could be relied upon to force the license legislation now enacted.

THE MORAL SIDE

Deputy-Reeve B. L. McLean said there were two reasons for his not speaking. First, because there were older men than himself present, and secondly, because he was in the council, and he felt he should be there with an unbiased opinion. Mr. Smale in his criticism did not cite one particular instance in which local option would better conditions morally or otherwise. They were both good friends and he knew Mr. Smale was sincere. The speaker next narrated his experience with provincial prohibition in Prince Edward Island. He had observed more temptations in Charlottetown, its capital, while there, than in any ten years of his life. The city had scores of places where liquor was sold. He considered the question was dealt with in an off-hand way by Mr. Smale. It should be considered from a moral standpoint more than from a business one. He believed it was not productive of the best results morally. It leads to deception and degradation and does not lessen drinking. In Prince Edward Island drinking is done by the bottle, which is carried by travellers and others and produced very frequently. The drinker who usually bought his liquor by the glass now purchases a dollar bottle, and as a rule consumes it all. If the present license law is not enforced, who will enforce the other measure, over which we have less control? If the present law were enforced there would be very little drunkenness on our streets.

NOT ONE FINED.

Mr. J. H. Sootheran—There was not one of the hotel keepers fined last year for breach of the law. If Mr. McLean knows of any violating of the act he would be pleased to know it.

Mr. McLean—If I knew of one it would be my duty to tell you. It is the duty of our citizens to help enforce the law. If those who favor local option at this time were as zealous for the enforcement of the present license law, as they will be required in the enforcement of local option should it become law, to make that law operative, then we would have ideal conditions under the present system.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Mr. Herb Middleton moved, seconded by Mr. J. Fleury that owing to the fact that local option was not a success in other towns, it would be unwise at present to introduce the measure in Lindsay. The resolution was carried.

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Runaway Horse Creates Excitement

Sensational Stunt Performed by An Ops Equine on Saturday Evening

On Saturday evening Mr. Arthur Cunningham, of Ops, drove into town and placed his horse in the shed in rear of the Y. M. C. A. About 10.30 o'clock the horse became loose and made a break for liberty, dashing south on Lindsay-st. at break neck speed. When in front of Dr. White's residence the buggy struck a tree. The horse then took to the pavement minus the vehicle, and those who witnessed the runaway state that the fire flew from the animal's shoes as they struck the hard walk.

An effort was made to bring the animal to a standstill, but it kept going still, and it is understood did not stop until it reached home, not much the worse as a result of its escapade. The buggy and harness were damaged considerably.

Peterboro's Building Permits

The building permits issued in the city of Peterboro since January 1st total \$90,881. The figures for the following months are as follows: January—\$2,300. February—\$1,165. March—\$5,695. April—\$81,721.

The increase for April 1909 over the same month last year is in the neighborhood of 280 per cent. Apparently the present year will be a record one in the history of Peterboro as far as building is concerned.

Will Build Addition

The accommodation of Mount St. Joseph, Peterboro, with which St. Joseph's Academy, Lindsay, is connected, is becoming too inadequate and a large addition to the building will probably be made. Definite arrangements to have the addition built have not been made yet, but it is simply a matter of time when the increased accommodation will have to be provided. It is expected that the operations in connection with the new wing will be commenced this summer.

Services at the Falls

On Sunday the members of the evangelistic band of Lindsay took the services morning, afternoon and evening at the Baptist church, Penelon Falls, of which Rev. Mr. Cook is pastor. The different services were largely attended, and in the afternoon a number of the band took the services at the Baptist church at Baddow. The band comprised Messrs. A. C. Bingham, leader J. Hughes, R. Stevens, and the quartette, Messrs. W. Sullivan, El V. Sharpe, A. Clark, and F. S. Chapman.

Goes to Bracebridge

Rev. Father O'Leary, parish priest of Galway and Bobcaygeon, has been appointed by His Lordship Bishop O'Connor to the parish of Bracebridge, rendered vacant by the death of the late lamented Rev. T. F. Collins. A successor to Rev. Father O'Leary will be appointed in a day or two.

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