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BATTLE OF THE BAR IS ON IN 93 PLACES THROUGHOUT PROVINCE

(Toronto News.) Ontario municipalities where there are liquor licenses ... 260 Will vote on local option at next election ... 78 Places already under local option ... 240 Will vote on repeal ... 15 Time for petition to Municipal Councils for vote on local option by-laws expired November 1st. The time for petitions for local option contests to be in the hands of the Municipal Councils in order to have the question voted upon at the

coming elections, expired November 1st, and although it is possible that some small municipalities may order a vote without any petition it is not likely that this will be done in more than one or two cases and the opposing parties know pretty well where they are at.

Local option votes will be held in seventy-eight municipalities in Ontario.

In addition to this there are fifteen places in which an effort is being made to repeal the local option law. This makes a total of ninety-three

just outside Toronto, there are many licenses, and a third attempt is being made to lop them off. In London township a merry war is in progress and it is not considered that the result of the recent bye-election in East Middlesex has any bearing on the situation.

BIG ARMIES ENGAGED

Twelve men of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance are laboring throughout the Province in connection with these contests, and hundreds of people on both sides are busily engaged in planning for victory.

KEEN STRUGGLES IN SIGHT

The situation was cheerfully commented upon by Rev. B. H. Spence in a chat with The News this morning. Some of the struggles in sight that are expected to be particularly keen include the City of Peterboro, which gave a majority in favor of local option three years ago, but it was not the necessary three-fifths. The same applies to Lindsay, where another try is being made. Oshawa is looked upon as sure as all of the big industrial concerns there are represented on the local option committee and every manufacturer is working against the licenses. Whitby will vote too and is expected to go the same way as Oshawa.

An interesting battle is on in Sarnia, where the situation is entirely different from that in Oshawa inasmuch as the "big" men are apparently with the anti and the hoi polloi is depended upon to carry the cause. "A lot of prominent men got cold feet," remarked Mr. Spence, who added that the Sarnia temperance people were not, however, discouraged and considered they had a good fighting chance. The local option people are hopeful of winning in Petrolia, too.

HAVE CHANGED OPINIONS

Ingersoll is looked upon as a good bet this time. Three years ago this busy burg like Peterboro rolled up a majority for local option, but not enough. It is claimed now that a lot of good men who were opposed to it then have come over to the temperance side, and their influence will be sufficient to turn the scale.

In North Bay an interesting contest is on. It was the railway men who got local option for West Toronto and this industrious class is being depended upon to do the same up north.

Up Yonge street Aurora is the battle ground. That thriving place is said to be tiring of being a dumping ground for Newmarket "drunks." The success of local option in Newmarket has encouraged the Auroraites, who want it, and they feel confident of victory.

Gravenhurst is in the same light as Aurora. Bracebridge, but a few miles away, has local option, and its neighboring town gets the excess traffic. The example of Bracebridge is calculated to switch many votes to the local option side in Gravenhurst. Somewhat similar conditions exist in regard to Penetang with Midland, only a short drive away and apparently well satisfied with local option after five years of it.

FIGHT TO A FINISH.

Dresden, Forest, Kincardine, Meaford, Mount Forest, Pembroke and Wingham are among the lively spots where both sides have their coats off for the fray and are in the battle until the last vote is polled. Arthur, Amherstburg, Eganville, Exeter, Fenelon Falls, and Fergus are other places where the contests will be fought to a finish.

Georgetown, which defeated local option when it was tried before, has the Township of Esquesing combined with it on the coming vote and is expected, with this addition, to carry the by-law.

Morrisburg is to be tried again, the temperance people being particularly anxious to show Sir James Whitney how local option would work in his home town.

Port Stanley, which is rapidly growing to be a popular summer resort, is to be tried on that account. The temperance people have many summer places included in their fights in various townships.

THEY HAD IT ONCE

Thamesville provides one of the most engaging contests of them all because the village had local option once but repealed it four years ago. The blue ribboners have returned to the attack and feel reasonably confident of a recapture. Of course a great struggle for the repeal is looked for in Owen Sound.

Uxbridge, Cannington and Sunderland are included in the fight in Brock township. In King township fights on the programme and some of them will be particularly keen.

In Ontario there are 260 municipalities in which liquor licenses are in force and a local option vote could be taken. The fact that in seventy-eight of these places the question is to be brought out points to the activity which the temperance people are displaying. There are 240 places under local option and only fifteen of these are endeavoring to get rid of it.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IS CONDEMNED

CORRESPONDENT'S VIEWS ON QUESTION

To the Editor:

Sir,—We have a law, and by our law he ought to die," so said the unbelieving Jews concerning Jesus Christ. Do not we, as a nation, but repeat the language of those wicked Jews? We are all brethren, being the children of one father, and one of our brothers yields so far to the temptations of the devil, and is so blinded thereby that in his evil state he takes the life of a fellow man. He realizes his error, and after the manner of our first parent, he endeavors to cover his sin. He is arrested and tried by a jury of his peers and found "guilty of murder," and "we have a law and by our law he ought to die" and so the sentence is "you will be hanged by the neck until you are dead." Oh, friends, think of the horror of it, that we, a professed Christian nation, have a law whereby a man can be hanged by his neck until he is dead.

Let us imagine ourselves in the place of our prisoner. We have committed an awful crime, we have taken that which we can never return again, we have slain our brother, and the mark of Cain is upon us and perhaps our hearts are yet hardened and we have not truly repented of our offence and now our brothers are going to send us into an endless eternity, there to stand a sinful impenitent before the great Heavenly tribunal. Verily the language of the judge seems to burn as with fire, "May the Lord have mercy upon your soul," but at death repentance ends for "after this, the judgment," (Heb. 9, 27.)

It is not the jury that hang the man, nor yet the judge, neither is it truly the hangman, for they are but servants. The people of the country make the laws through chosen representatives and so we have a law whereby a man can be "hanged by the neck until he is dead" for a certain offence, so it is the law makers who, indirectly, hang the man.

Does it not appear to us as a harsh law that we should deliberately kill him, who, in his blind evil state, also killed a man? I believe there are many to whom this law is odious, and who would gladly see it substituted. It is right that an offender should suffer for his offence, and that according to its magnitude, and no doubt, the most atrocious crime a man can commit as to a man is "murder," and I believe he ought to suffer for his crime, but not by the forfeiture of that which he can lose but once, even his life. Killing sav-

ors too much of barbarism to be practiced by a professed Christian nation. Why cannot we substitute "imprisonment for life" for "capital punishment?" No doubt there are many who believe that to do away with capital punishment would but lead to the increase of capital offences.

Let us consider the following statements taken from an article against capital punishment issued by the Religious Society of Friends in the State of Ohio. "With reference to the second object of legal punishment, its deterrent effect, we find that in the four states of Rhode Island, Maine, Michigan and Wisconsin, where capital punishment is abolished, the number of murderers confined in prison 'at a given time' averaged 66.5 to the million of population; while in the adjoining states of New Hampshire, Connecticut, Indiana and Illinois, where capital punishment exists, the average confined murderers was \$3.25 per million of population. We are firmly of the opinion, and the above comparison confirms us therein, that so far from the death penalty being deterrent of crime, it is actually the reverse, for executions of cruelty or brutality, even if under the sanction of law, are without doubt demoralizing in their effect. If the sanctity of human life is violated by law, the vicious may more readily assume to violate it without law. Thus it was discovered by investigation, in an English prison, that of one hundred and sixty-seven convicts, one hundred and sixty-four had witnessed executions. Another objection to the death penalty is the fact that mistakes not infrequently are made in the administration of law.

That innocent men have been executed has been proven beyond question, and can we imagine any legal act more horrible than the deliberate and relentless putting to death of a man for a crime which he did not commit? No wonder that Lafayette should have declared, "I shall ask for the abolition of capital punishment until I have the infallibility of human judgment demonstrated to me." Much more of a similar nature could be added, but for brevity's sake the foregoing statements and remarks will suffice.

In the foregoing paragraphs we have considered capital punishment as objectionable as appealing to us as brethren and citizens, but can it not be said that the taking of human life is anti-Christian? How full of love and forgiveness the gospel of Christ is. Christ Jesus, the Eternal Son of God declared that He "the Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them," and is it to be believed that He will commission His servants, which all true Christians are, to do that which He declared was not a part of His mission? His law is love, and it is by the exhibition of self sacrificing love that His disciples are to be known. We are to do good to our enemies, and seeing that the murderer is our enemy, let us do good to him by endeavoring to reform him, to which end I believe we are justified in curtailing his liberty and thus deprive him of power to repeat the offence, but let us not kill him

who has erred and whom we should love.

When you are gathered in your religious assemblies, and perhaps will repeat the language "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us," remember the poor, unfortunate, misled prisoner lying in his cell, whom we, by our law, have committed to the gallows for his trespass, and my prayer for you is, may our Heavenly Father forgive you and so open your understandings and stir up love in your hearts that you will feel it your duty to preserve life, which is dear to us all, that your voices might be heard in opposition to the taking of human life now lawfully practiced among us.

FREDERICK C. BLORE, Oakwood.

A member of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly called "Quakers."

RAW HIDE WHIPS FOR "BUMMERS"

Peterboro Review: Police Magistrate Dumble vented his opinion this morning on the disposition that should be made of the habitual "bummers" of this city. He believes that many of them deliberately plan to live upon the city during the winter time, and made not the slightest provision in the summer for their maintenance during the cold period. "If every policeman were armed with a rawhide whip and allowed to use it freely upon such characters, and chase them right out of the city it would be a blessing, and would do away with necessity of making poor people who can ill afford it, pay for their support."

FELL ASLEEP IN HIS CANOE

George Hudson's lucky star seems to be well in the ascendancy and his fates are certainly looking after him, for if it had been anybody else who went through what he did last night there would have been a gang of men dragging the river this morning.

Mr. Hudson is one of the best known trappers of the district, and lives not far from the iron bridge. Last night he went asleep in his canoe in the river near his home. During the night hours the canoe drifted slowly down the river to the Canadian Cereal Company's mill, where it passed inside the protecting boom at the head of the dam and was

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quickly drawn to the brink by the rushing water.

Fortunately there was such a volume of water passing across the dam, as the main volume was going down through the chute, that there was not enough to float the canoe across and it lodged with the sleeping passenger on the very edge. The men going to work this morning at the Cereal Co's mill made way out along the dam and saw the trapper awake, so that he was saved the final plunge. It was a very close shave, as the boat was drawn into the chute, where the logs are out and dashed to pieces on the ricks below.

BIG INCREASE IN EXPRESS SHIPMENTS

For a considerable time past, at 10.45 a. m. train from Toronto to Lindsay has been running late nearly every day—sometimes from half an hour to an hour late. Part of the lateness, it has been explained, is due to the large increase in express business all along the line. The express has been informed that the express business on this branch of the G.T.R. has increased four fold, and the loss is lost at the different stations unloading the vast amount of express carried.

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