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### NO BLUE RUIN AT BOWMANVILLE LOCAL OPTION HAS BEEN BLESSING

The town of Bowmanville has had an experience of Local Option that is much like that of other places. The results are set out in a letter written this month by Mr. A. James, reeve of the town, to Mrs. Leary, President of the Aurora W. C. T. U. Mr. James has special opportunities of being thoroughly familiar with conditions. He is a newspaper editor, ex-mayor, Justice of the Peace and has filled many other public offices. Concerning conditions in the town he says in part:

Local Option is working exceedingly well. I am pleased to say. The most zealous advocate could not have expected anything better. Citizens generally are delighted with it.

One of the strongest opponents of the by-law is now one of its strongest admirers. He says when he sees the good effects of Local Option on some of his neighbors who formerly spent their earnings in drink and now their families are well dressed and well fed and happy he is convinced that it is a good measure and is sorry he ever opposed it.

There is no possible chance of the by-law being appealed so long as the law is as well enforced as it has been during the over-three years that it has been in operation in Bowmanville. Our hotels are better than were ever seen in the town under license. The travelling public has never suffered

any inconvenience and commercial men are strong in their praise of our hotels.

As to the effect of Local Option on business, we have nothing but favorable words to report, Bowmanville in over 24 years that I have been in business here has never been as prosperous as now. Over 50 new houses have and will be erected this year and a building society is being organized to erect many more. Rents have doubled within three years, values of real estate have advanced 25 to 100 per cent, and merchants are doing a splendid trade—never better.

Our Police Court has not had half a dozen cases of drunk and disorderly since Local Option came into force and a drunken man on our streets would be a curiosity to young children.

#### A Problem

Here's a problem for the school children: A farmer owned a hog and wanted to weigh it. The man's weight was one hundred and thirty-five pounds and his wife's one hundred pounds. They put a board across the fence so that when they sat upon it, it exactly balanced. They then changed places, the wife taking the pig in her lap, just balancing the board again. What is the weight of the porker.

### JAMES SHEA KILLED IN WEST SAD FATE OF LINDSAY CITIZEN

Rev. D. Balfour, pastor of Queen-st. church received a telegram on Wednesday announcing the death in Saskatchewan of Mr. James Shea, a well known resident of the east ward.

The message was received from a son of the deceased (Sydney Shea) who is a homesteader, and was sent from Saskatoon.

It appears that the late Mr. Shea was fatally injured while working on a separator, but the nature of the injuries received was, of course, not

mentioned in the telegram. The remains have been embalmed and were forwarded to Lindsay today, the son of the deceased accompanying them.

Yesterday afternoon about four o'clock Rev. Mr. Balfour and Mrs. Balfour broke the sad news to Mrs. Shea. Two daughters of the deceased arrived home from Toronto last evening.

The news of Mr. Shea's untimely death will be received with regret. He went west about three months ago.

### Open Bar "Chestnuts"

Montreal Witness: The zeal with which the friends of law and order are carrying on the local veto campaign in Ontario is becoming more and more intense as the voting day approaches. Meetings are being held in phenomenal numbers, and addressed by the clergy and leading citizens in the various centres which are to make their decision upon January 6. There is also a great deal of activity among the liquor advocates and all the old arguments against temperance legislation are being re-furbished up and trotted out as if their falsity had not been proved a thousand times. The liquor men have, for instance, shouted from every housetop in the voting municipalities that local option injures business and drives trade to other towns. Except as regards the suppressed trade itself, and perhaps some items of business which minister to the cravings or the ailments of the drinker, this is notably untrue. The suppression or even the diminution of liquor selling invariably helps every line of business that benefits the community. Business in food and clothes and books and furniture, and all that contributes to family happiness is always helped when the barroom business is curtailed. As a rule the class of people who go away and stay away from temperance towns is not the class that helps business but the class which puts the town to trouble and expense.

Then, of course, the barroom advocates, who always profess to be 'friends of temperance' paint dreadful pictures of the way in which local option will drive drinking and drink selling into secret places, and intensify its evils. Of course there is sometimes illicit selling and drinking under local option, but it is doubtful if there is as much as under license. Some men will do anything and go anywhere to get liquor, but the young man who starts drinking for company's sake, in the well lighted bar, will not as a rule crawl into a cellar to get a drink, and many a weak man who cannot resist the temptation, when it is flaunted before him, welcomes the protection which local option affords him by making it difficult to indulge his appetite. Related to this liquor argument is the statement that local option encourages home drinking, because men who want to drink will buy bottles and take them home. Now anyone who has had much to do with drinking men knows that the man who buys the bottle of liquor to take it home is usually the man who has already indulged at the bar. It is indeed a matter of experience that the lessening of bar drinking means the lessening of home drinking also. The treating system, which is the root of most drunkenness, is killed by closing the bars.

A favorite mis-statement by the liquor men is that local option will lower the character of hotel accommodation or deprive the public of such accommodation altogether. The very reverse has been the result in numberless places where local option has been adopted. The organ grinder who has no monkey has to have a better organ. The hotel which has no bar to live by must give heed to its accommodation and service. If the liquor seller does not know how to run a good hotel there are other people who can do it. In some places the temperance people have bought out the hotels and found those who could conduct them on a better scale than ever before. In others the hotel men have kept on the hotel without the bar. In both cases the business has been operated by the purpose of making money by providing the public with accommodation, and has generally been carried on more efficiently than when it was operated simply for the purpose of qualifying the hotelkeeper for a license to sell liquor. Many hotel guests have expressed their satisfaction at the increased decency, comfort, convenience, and safety which has accrued to hotels through the depletion of the bars.

A very stupid claim has also been made in some quarters, that local prohibition, while it lessens beer drinking, increases whiskey drinking.

Statistics clearly prove that this theory has no foundation. The spread in Canada of what is popularly called 'Local Option' meaning thereby local prohibition, has coincided with a steady decrease in the consumption both of whiskey and beer. Especially has whiskey drinking decreased. In the year 1874 our people consumed 1,994 gallons for every thousand of the population—that is two gallons each, counting all women, children and babies. In 1911 the consumption had gone down to 859 per thousand. The liquor people claim that local option is the old Scott Act over again; that the Scott Act was a failure, and local option would be a failure also. Now the Scott Act was far from being a failure; but being a Dominion law there was no provision for its enforcement. Lack of enforcement was the reason of its being dropped. Local option, as it exists in Ontario, has among its other splendid features, the element that it is part and parcel of the license law, and has all the powers and appliances of the law at its back.

The administration of the license law in Ontario has been an object lesson to the whole Dominion, and there is no question but that the prohibition of the sale of liquor in 'no license' districts has been as efficiently administered as any other clause in the license law.

### BIG RISE IN PRICE OF TOBACCO

Englishmen who have travelled in Bulgaria have a grateful recollection of the cigarette obtainable there, and it will not surprise them to learn that Bulgaria expects to pay the cost of the war chiefly by tobacco.

The "weed" grown in Bulgaria is excellent, and much of it ultimately appears in Turkish cigarettes, but of course, the price in the tobacco market differs from that paid for genuine Turkish.

In Paris recently Turkish tobacco was sold at 5 francs the kilo, and Bulgarian tobacco at 2 francs. After the war the Bulgarians will not only have the big Turkish tobacco provinces (much of the best Turkish tobacco is grown in the areas about Karasu Yenidge), but they will be able with the Greeks to make a monopoly and also to raise the price of Bulgarian tobacco to what they believe is its real worth.

It is believed that a very large part of the war expenditure will be paid in this way. It seems indeed a strange instance of modern developments when gunpowder is to be paid for by smoke.

Inquiry among local tobaccoists lends substantiation to the rumor that ere long, an increase in all lines of Turkish tobacco may be expected. In that far-away country, where rages the conflict between the cross and the crescent, all thoughts of harvesting the remainder of the tobacco crop have been abandoned, and the result can only serve to add to the scarcity of the tobacco production.

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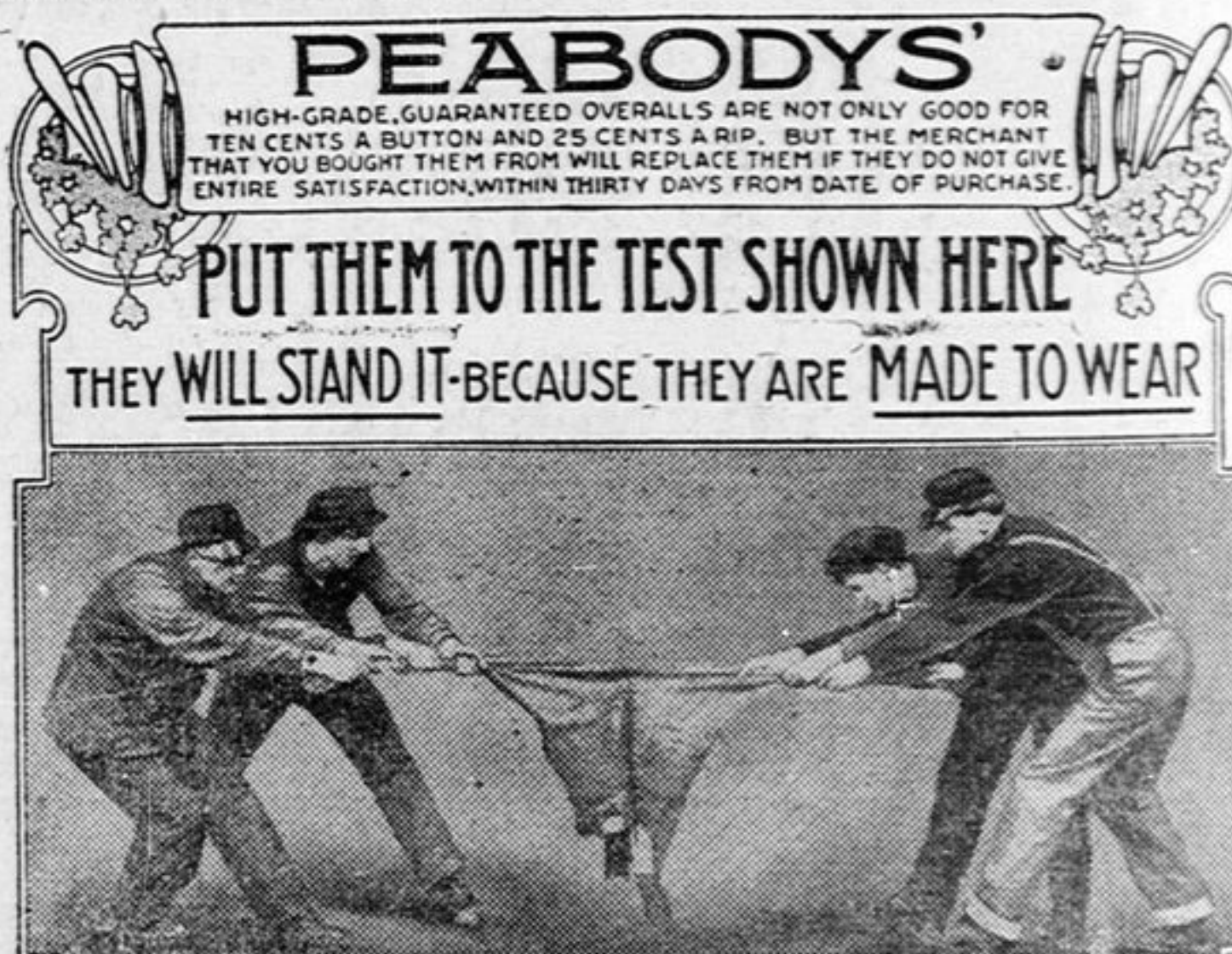
dism, it was given by three loving sons as a loving tribute to the memory of a loving mother, whose life and example had influenced their lives and who wished to call her blessing on the church. We all appreciate their liberal generosity, and more especially the spirit which influenced the splendid gift.

### Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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