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REV. JAMES WALLACE REPLIES TO WARDER'S REMARKS RE LOCAL OPTION

The following communication from the pen of Rev. J. Wallace of St. Andrew's Church appeared in Thursday's Daily Record:

Sir,—Last night's issue of your paper makes plain your position on the question of Local Option. Your differences with any other paper have no interest for me, but the stand you take should have some interest for all your subscribers. The press is one of the largest factors in moulding public opinion, and while a paper may not feel called upon to assume the role of preacher of public morality, it should at least see that the tremendous weapon placed in its hand is used for the promotion of civic righteousness, and that in assuming the place of teacher and guide its position is sound and reliable. Every paper, like every man, has a right to its own opinion, provided that opinion can be justified, and I note you attempt to justify your position by citing a few instances of the, as you think, ineffectual workings of the measure.

What opportunities you have had for making "an impartial observation of the results in other places," I am not in a position to know, not even knowing who was the author of the article, but as a subscriber to your paper, as one interested in the moral welfare of our town, and as one who knows a little about the cases you refer to, I cannot allow all your statements to go unchallenged.

You make reference to a conversation you had with an editor from Galt, who believed, as you state, that Local Option had increased lawlessness and injured business. Granted that was his opinion, we are well aware that a question of such universal interest cannot be decided on the evidence of any one man, even though he might be the editor of a paper, because I suppose there is not a town or city either under license or local option where you would not find some people dissatisfied, but this does not mean that the general average in business or morality is necessarily lower. If conversations count for anything, the writer had a great many of them with people in and around Galt, who expressed themselves as well satisfied with local option, the only drawback being the proximity and accessibility of Preston, which is under license. Any unsatisfactoriness is not due to local option at Galt, but to license at Preston. So far as the buying of "dry goods" as well as "wet goods" in Preston by Galt people is concerned, the tendency is all the other way, for many Preston people go to Galt to do their shopping.

As far as Orillia is concerned, I heard the mayor of that town challenge anyone to find blind pigs in it, and if one-man evidence counts for anything the mayor ought to be in a position to speak authoritatively. It would be very unlikely if liquor could be obtained on the sly in some places in the town, notwithstanding the mayor's word, for no one ought to be foolish enough to think local option or any other measure will absolutely prohibit. There have been too many people in the business for that, but no sane man who knows anything of Orillia's past history can visit the town today without being convinced that it is a cleaner, wholesomer and more prosperous town since local option came into force. And as for the "large chunk of revenue" the town is losing, the people are wise enough to increase their industries and get revenue in that way rather than to share in gain made at a cost of pauperism, home happiness and crime. This statement leads me to refer to your assertion that "it is not just to attribute drinking liquor as a cause of crime." For any person who has made "an impartial observation of results" to make such a declaration is more than I can understand. Does this mean that no crime has been committed by a drunk man, or does it mean that the man because he is drunk is not chargeable with it as a crime? The first interpretation is absurd, the second to be tenable will demand a new interpretation of our legal code. Whatever view we take of the responsibility or irresponsibility of a person for his actions while drunk, he is at least responsible for getting drunk, and while we have all sympathy with those who have become slaves to the habit, there is still something to be said for the old Greek philosopher's view: that a man should be punished not only for the crime committed while drunk, but in addition for getting drunk, because by doing so he had brought disgrace on the civic community of which he was a member.

The writer was glad to have you state that the effect on business "could easily be lost sight of if the drinking of liquor could be lessened in any degree." Although the statement seems to presume that business would suffer under local option, under license we have had a remarkable exodus from Lindsay during the last few years, and a great many of our people have gone to local option districts. Would that indicate that the liquor traffic creates business? I take your statement to mean that you would welcome anything that would curtail liquor drinking, even though it might mean a loss to business. For such a view you can only be commended, but in the light of past history will the open bar ever accomplish that end? It is one of the principles of political economy that the providing of a supply and the putting of it on the market creates a demand, and thence has been not only fully but sadly and expensively illustrated in the course we have assumed in legalizing the putting of the bottle to our neighbor's lips.

Yours truly,
JAS. WALLACE.

PROMENADE HELD AT THE COLLEGIATE

The event of the season for the students of the Collegiate was the Christmas promenade which took place last night in the Assembly Hall of the building.

Nearly every student on the roll was present as well as a large number of their friends. Eight promenades, with three extras and a fine program were given.

The evening was opened with a speech by Mr. Roy Weldon, the president of the Literary Society.

After an interval of several promenades the presentation of the senior medals and badges took place. These were won at the field day of sports held some time ago. The medal was presented to Mr. Fraser Mann by Mr. J. D. Flavell, who made a few appropriate remarks on the sportsmanship of the students and on the success of the field day and influence of properly encouraged sport on the students' future lives.

The young ladies medal was presented by Mr. Thos. Stewart to Miss Kyle. Mr. Stewart commented on the fact that in the days of the Olympic games the women were not only barred from the contests, but were also kept out of the grounds. Today the women are encouraged to compete in the sports, thus showing the progress the world is making along all lines.

Dr. White, Miss Moir, and Miss Gibson took charge of the presentation of the badges to the young ladies who won the first, second and third places in the races.

A few well chosen words preceded the presentation.

Arthur Carew won the junior medal and the presentation was made by Rev. Mr. Kingston. A number of the boys also received their badges from Messrs. Manning, Cramer and Wheelton. During the presentation of the prizes the chair was occupied by Mr. Harold Weldon, president of the

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Athletic Society.

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Among those who played the piano during the promenades were Jos. Spratt, Eric Stewart, Chas. McCrae, Miss Mabey, Miss Gladys Jeffers, Miss Gibson, Miss Ethel Matchett, and Mr. Watson Kirkconnell.

The next social event it is expected will be a conversation early in January.

Cannot use Cards on Election Day

All the candidates seeking municipal honors on Jan. 6th will learn with dismay that on election day they will not be allowed to circulate artistic cards containing their faces and solicitation for votes. A new election act just passed comes into effect next year, making the distribution of such literature illegal, and the various candidates will, perforce, have to complete their circulation before election day if they desire to remain within the pale of the law. That, in effect, is the clause in question, which is as follows:

"No person shall, on the day of the polling, use or deliver to any other person any card, ticket, leaflet, book, circular, or other device soliciting votes for or against any candidate or candidates, or for or against any question or bylaw, or having upon it the name of any such candidate, question or bylaw; and any person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$20, or, in default of payment, imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten days, on conviction before any justice of the peace."

OTHERS CUT THE HAY WANTS \$200 DAMAGES

A rather unusual action was brought to the attention of the county court before His Honor Judge Deroche and jury Thursday afternoon, when the suit of Thomas Cleveland vs. the Grand Trunk was heard at Belleville.

Cleveland entered the service of the railway in October 1911 as trackman and in November became lamplighter, having been engaged by William Murphy, foreman. The railway purchased about two years ago fifteen acres of farm land, the front of three farms, for the purpose of extending their Belleville yards at the east end or on the north side in Thurlow. In 1911 hay grew on this land, and was given away as it was necessary to have it off the land for fear of carrying fire.

Some time in the winter of 1911-12 Cleveland could not say whether in November or February, he asked Murphy whether he could have the hay. The latter said he could, providing he cut it off close to the ground and remained in the service of the Grand Trunk. Murphy said this was in February, while Cleveland said he would not have taken the job without the inducement of the hay. In the summer Cleveland got some four tons of hay and weeds, while some others took the hay promised him. He claimed 15 tons, worth about \$15 per ton had been taken which belonged to him. He asked \$200 from the railway, claiming it was contract, that the company was bound by its employee Murphy.

Mr. Foster of the legal department

period of ten days, central on December 11th, each year, there are phenomenal magnetic and electric perturbations, in the way of "earth currents," auroral lights, volcanic unrest and all kindred disturbances. Many such things will be reported on and near the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th. Watch and see. Rain and snow will visit wide areas, moving from west to east, during the 11th, 12th, 13th, and possibly dates touching these central days. At all December storm periods, watch your barometer, and, should it show very low readings, prepare for vicious wind storms, and for sweeping cold waves to follow.

A regular storm period includes the 16th to the 20th, having its centre on the 17th, with moon on the celestial equator the same day. Winter lightning and thunder will visit many localities on and touching the 17th, and violent storms of rain, turning to snow and high winds will prevail over land and sea during the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st. Ships on the north Atlantic will encounter fierce boreal storms, and be baffled by wind, wave and ice. Storms, and weather conditions generally, will be of similar character, calling for prudence and forethought for protection of man and beast. Plan before the storms for safety and comfort in the storms, and for the dangerous cold that will follow them.

A reactionary storm period will bring renewed storms of wide extent and great force on and touching the 23rd, 24th and 25th. The moon is full on the 23rd, an extreme declination, north on the 24th, and in perigee on the 25th. Most parts will get a supply of snow for Christmas, before and during this period, with a cold wave rushing from west to east from about the 24th to 27th. A seismic period extends from the 20th to 26th, central on the 23rd. Rain, sleet and snow—a Vulcan-Mercury period—winds up the month and year.

to take action in the matter, and consult the solicitor regarding the town's responsibility.

VERDICT IN THE RAILWAY WRECK

An inquiry took place at the Central boarding house Wauhashene here Tuesday into the case of the disaster on the G. T. R. at Tannerville last week. The Railway Co. was represented by Mr. McGraugh. The finding of the jury was as follows: "That the said Wm. Redpath came to his death at Tannerville on Dec 11th, 1912, in a collision on G. T. R. between No 94 way freight, and double header extra from Tilfin. We also find that said collision was due to the neglect of crew of train No 84 not protecting rear end of their train, but that W. Plong, flagman, is not vitally guilty of criminal neglect. We wish to add as a rider that when a preceding train has orders to do work which necessitates blocking the main line that following train should in all cases be advised to have a sharp look out for such preceding train. We also wish to add that at any place where a train is frequently called upon to do work, which necessitates blocking of main line, there should be semaphores on either side of place to protect such trains." The jury was composed of the following gentlemen: Wm. Gill, foreman; F. Gerouais, C. J. Swartman; A. Brodeur, Geo. Marcoux H. J. Barras, Chas. Dessipp, Geo. Price, Wm. Kilsman, A. Menelley.

HERB ELLIOTT'S SERIOUS INJURIES

Midland Argus—Engineer Herb Elliott, of Lindsay, who was so seriously scalded in the wreck at Tannerville last week, is maimed for life, though he will in all probability survive his injuries. His leg was so seriously roasted with a hot iron pipe that the physicians were obliged to remove the knee cap. His wife spent the latter part of the week, with him and his brother was here over Sunday. Fireman Wetherup is improving slowly, and will recover.

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of the G.T.R., at the conclusion of the plaintiff's case submitted that no contract had been shown, Cleveland having received the regular salary.

Mr. Porter of the firm of Porter & Carnew, who appeared for the plaintiff, contended that there had been a contract between Murphy and Cleveland and that the railroad was bound by its foreman's action.

Judge Deroche said there was no contract as he viewed the evidence. Not a word was said about hay until February. How could that be made part of a contract made in November?

Mr. Porter said the hay was Cleveland's and the G.T.R. had no right to give it away.

Judge Deroche said it was a case of "first come first served," and non-suited the action.

Mr. Porter asked for a stay.

OLD STONE DRAIN CAUSING TROUBLE

Mr. Wm. Dundas, of the firm of Dundas & Flavell and Mr. L. V. O'Connor appeared before the council last night in reference to an old drain on York-st., which has been overflowing and damaging the store. The drain was evidently built many years ago, and the difficulty was to find where the lead started. They urged upon the council the necessity of having it opened up and repaired. Mr. Dundas said he had a recollection of an opening to an old drain at the old McDonald hill at the foot of York-st.

Mr. L. V. O'Connor appeared in the interests of the McDonald estate and endorsed Mr. Dundas' remarks. The estate, the D. & F. firm, and the council were all vitally interested as it was of the utmost importance that the trouble should be remedied. The estate, Mr. O'Connor said, had notified the council of the trouble year after year.

The question which the council considered at some length was as to who was responsible for the existence of the drain.

Mr. Dundas suggested that an effort be made to find the outlet of the drain on Peel-st., and if it was blocked it could be cleaned out. This would probably remedy the trouble. The council decided to do this. His Worship the Mayor, the chairman of Board of Works and chairman of Finance and Ald. Howe were appointed

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