

**ROMAN.**  
MARRIAGE—In Hamilton, on Nov. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brown, Miss Mary and Miss Helen, daughters of the bride.

**BIRTH.**  
MARRIAGE—In Milton, on Saturday, Nov. 12th, Miss Anna and Miss Mary, daughters of the bride.

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**THE SUMMER IN ALBERTA.**

Mr. J. L. Warren spent six months in surveying in that Province.

During the first of the season the surveying party was engaged west of High River in the foothills, finishing up the work they had commenced in previous years. About the first of July they went into the mountains south of Canmore to the coal lands in the Canadian National Park. Coal lands there in large quantities and of excellent quality.

About the end of September Mr. Warren was in the vicinity of the Honey Lake, and it being Treaty Day for the Honey Indians, he decided to visit the place and witness the interesting event. On Treaty Day all the Indians on the reserve gather at the office of the government agent to get their yearly allowance. There are about 450 on this reserve and the government pays \$5.00 a year to every man, woman and child. When they are paid they go to the store to buy what they want.

Mr. Warren reached Honey Lake and found the store-keeper was displaying his goods on boxes outside. He had just placed two dozen saddles, prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$10.00. There was also a great display of shawls in all the colors of the rainbow. In the yard one Indian, who was generally in his early, did not come, and when inquiry was made it was found that he was waiting for the birth of another child, so in the evening he turned up and got an extra five dollars to go to the doctor to bring the whole family along, so that the agent can count them, but in this case, the agent went to see the new-comer to be sure of the truth of the story. They paid the Indian in new one-dollar bills. If an Indian has a family of eight or ten he considers himself wealthy when he has a pile of fifty or fifty-one-dollar bills. The Indian motto here is "more papoose, more dollars."

While on a home-coming Mr. Warren met Fred Plank, at Red Deer, Miss Daisy Nicklin and Robt. J. Gurney, at Calgary, a number of friends at Winnipeg, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Goodwin and Henry Grindell, at Port William.

**BALLINAPAD.**  
Ballinapad Literary Society held their opening meeting on Tuesday evening. The debate: "That a clean, cross wife is more desirable than a dirty, good-natured wife," was a most amusing one. Of course the affirmative was with the good wife.

Mr. Clayton Hewick, who spent three months in the North West, is home again. He enjoyed his trip very much.

Last Friday evening brought the annual oyster banquet denoting the closing of the Ballinapad leaf thing for the season. It was held at the commodious home of Mr. Dan Campbell, where all the patrons were most hospitably entertained by the host, his wife and family. While people look forward to this most enjoyable event, they cannot forbear thinking of something and as it brings to a close another summer in life.

The thing has completed a very successful season, there having been over ten thousand pounds of beef of extra good quality handled by our butcher, Mr. Baynes, who did his part to a professional manner. However, the success of the organization was due to the manner in which all the individuals of the committee performed their duties.

The leaf union was organized some four years ago and has been doing good work each season since, and the shares were promptly drawn by every patron for another year, not one dropping out, at the re-organization meeting. This speaks for the most hospitable of a rural leaf providing accommodation. There had been very few openings or vacancies made, except by parties moving to other neighborhoods. At the present time and every person connected with the Ballinapad leaf thing is satisfied and speak highly of it, as the only systematic method by which the rural districts may have good meat of their own production, and therefore know what they are eating.

**CROWDION CORNERS.**  
The ice and slot act on Monday was the worst ever seen in these parts in November. A great deal of damage has been done to fruit orchards and shade trees.  
The largest sunbath and ice laden trees made a beautiful picture on Tuesday.  
J. Tyler's auction sale on the 17th last, proved off very successfully. R. J. Kerr was the auctioneer.  
Miss Annie Crowdon visited friends in Guelph during the week.  
Mrs. J. H. Gripps spent several days last week with Rosewood friends.  
New Druggists, of Toledo, Ont., visited at Mr. H. Dampier's on Tuesday.  
Miss I. Watkins, who has been spending several weeks at her home in this vicinity, returned to New York City on Wednesday.

**BENEFITS OF LOCAL OPTION**

**Clearly Set Forth by Rev. R. M. Hamilton, B. A., Weston, and J. C. Miller, Esq., Orillia.**  
**ESPECIALLY GOOD FOR BUSINESS**

One of the most successful, sane and satisfactory meetings ever held in Acton for the discussion of a public question was that of the citizens' meeting held in the town hall on Monday evening to discuss Local Option for Acton. The speakers were Rev. R. M. Hamilton, B. A., of Weston, where Local Option is in its third year of operation, and John C. Miller, Esq., of Orillia, where the measure came into force two years ago next May. Each speaker told his story of personal experience and observations of the effects of Local Option in graphic, practical and intelligent words. The results were remarkably similar in each town and both gave convincing evidence that Local Option is most desirable for the community, for practical and intelligent words. The results were remarkably similar in each town and both gave convincing evidence that Local Option is most desirable for the community, for practical and intelligent words.

Notwithstanding the distressing storm which was raging the hall was well filled and from beginning to end the audience was respectful and attentive. The meeting opened with a hymn led by a choir of male voices from the various churches in town. Rev. Dr. Antiff led in prayer, and the President of the Citizens' Committee, Mr. J. C. Wilson, made brief preliminary remarks in which he pointed out the representative character of this movement, it being conducted by a committee of ratepayers who had been elected by a mass meeting of electors, to which ever elector in town had been invited. From the outset everything has been conducted openly and above board, and citizens generally are endorsing the movement.

Mr. Miller said that he had looked forward to visiting the town which had been his home for two years, 20-30 years ago. He congratulated the town upon the splendid public improvements effected in the neighbourhood, such as electric lights, fire protection, miles of pavement and the new building and very fine Acton, taking up the further improvement of adopting Local Option and banding the bars. As worthy and loyal citizens of Acton, Local Option is a good thing you want it. I take it as a conception of duty, he said, as a loyal patriotic citizen, to advocate for adoption elsewhere what I have found to be of moral or municipal advantage. If I can prove to you that Local Option has been good for Orillia, I think you can see that it will be a good thing for Acton.

In my remarks I will refer especially to the business standpoint. Under license we had seven hotels in Orillia. They were no better and I hope were no worse than hotels in similar towns. They were under Local Option 70 hours each week and our people said they wanted them under Local Option 108 hours per week. There were 3,700 persons prohibited from selling liquor in our town. We asked that 3,707 be prohibited. We concluded if a license inspector could enforce the license law as it affected seven more to be under his supervision in Acton it simply means that under Local Option the 3,700 who are denied licenses, if your 2,000 people cannot legally sell liquor, you simply deny that the other 3 be put in your class. Those opposed to Local Option say, "People will leave town. The town will be dead. I don't want to associate with a corpse. I'm going to get out." Two men did leave town. There were seven running "hip-pocket dispensaries." The police rounded them up and they were convicted and fined and given two or three days to raise the money. They are still away hunting for it, for they have not come home yet. I met two of our former bartenders the other day who are now working on new buildings in the town to which, when finished, we will point with pride. Did anyone ever point with pride to the fluted product of a bartender? Local Option is enforced as well as any other law we have and a great deal better than many of them. Two years ago 578 persons voted for Local Option. A few weeks ago 730 electors signed the petition for a new election within five days. If Local Option could not be enforced do you think that 730 of our electors would petition to have it brought into force again?

In regard to hotel accommodation we have better accommodation both for farmers and the general public than we ever had before. It was said the assessment on hotels would go down and taxes would go up. Under license hotel property in Orillia was assessed for \$22,000; today the same properties are assessed for \$11,000. Our taxes are slightly higher this year than the last year under license, but since Local Option came into force we have voted on and carried by-laws for \$25,000 for sewers, \$15,000 for extension to electric system, \$20,000 for new schools, \$15,000 for new pavements, \$10,000 to extend water works, \$2,000 for general improvements, and a few weeks ago we carried a by-law to loan the Tudhope Carriage Co., \$50,000 to 23. Under Local Option the people have confidence that they can undertake and pay for these desirable improvements. If you want to have municipal progress; if you want unanimity of voting for public improvements give them Local Option.

Orillia had liquor licenses for 35 or 40 years during the last six or seven years under license the arrearages of taxes accumulated to \$11,000, all in comparative small sums which the collector declared the people were unable to pay. But so great was the paying power of the people advanced that in six months after Local Option had come into force there was not \$10,000 of tax arrears left on the rolls. The man who owned one of our largest hotels and worked hardest against Local Option, has in the last eighteen months expended \$50,000 in building new residences which rent for about \$10 or \$12 per month. He hasn't left town, but is now one of our most enthusiastic Local Optionists. A leading butcher gave an order for shop fixtures to cost \$800 to a Hamilton firm, conditional upon Local Option being defeated. Local Option carried and of course he thought the people would not do more meat. Within six months his business had increased so much that he gave an order for a \$1,200 outfit.

It was freely said that farmers would quit coming to Orillia and would go to Harris if Local Option passed. The largest merchant in town has said we cannot recall a single farmer who has discontinued coming to town. Instead of that there are more farmers coming to Orillia. Many prefer to come because the temptations to their boys of the licensed bar have been removed. We have a licensed bar at Athlery, just 200 yards from our town limits, its supplies come through Orillia station. I asked the express agent lately how the amount of liquors coming to the Orillia station now com-

parisons. It is a very poor kind of a man who can only take care of himself. We want men who can exercise self-sacrifice for others. There is nothing which will so fully give you the secret of peace and joy as the doing of something for some fellow who needs your help. The best thing you can do for the hotelman himself, is to take the bar-room away. The worst possible institution from which to dispend liquor is the bar-room. It has been proven an ignominious failure. Men, shoulder the other fellow's burden and help in this work.

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