Camputt. In Burtington, on Thursday, Sist, John F. Campbell, Counsillor, &c. Monday, January let, Michael Flutcher Edon Mille, aged 10 years. Haramay—At the home of her sister, Mrs. Go: Hala, Hawmarket, on Friday, 87th December Assip B. Halliday, formerly of Aston.

The Acton Free Press

EDITORIAL NOTES

Puntio Orthion is growing more and more against the drinking bar: municipality after municipality put ting them out of business. Toronto World.

ALL THE Local Option repeal possis were defeated without the of the three-fifths restriction. short, the unfairness and iniquity that limitation have once more bee clearly proven .- The Globe.

ORE HUNDRED THOUSAND dollars is a conservative estimate by Montreal | matters were before the Council of money which has been required by liquor dealers of that city and district since the early closing law became offective, May let.

THE FEATURE that occasioned per ticular jubilation in the Local Option campaign was the fact that in all the fifteen municipalities where a vote was taken for the repeal of the measure the by-law was sustained by substantial mejorities. - Mail and Empire.

WITHOUT A single dissenting muni cipality the Hydro-Ricctric Power scheme swept every part of the Province where it was offered for vote at the polls on Monday. The manner is which the proposals were endorsed a tribute to the project. Rural as well as urban districts spoke for the Hyd ro-Electric lights, one of the most favorable voice being in the village Thornbury where the vote stood In for and 2 against. Peterboro also piled up the large figures of 1,465 for and 151 egainet. Twenty-nine municipalities voted for the by-law and all carried it by good unajorities.

CHURCHILL

On Wednesday evening of last week a number of the members of the con gregation of the Hill Congregational Church assembled at the home of Mrs. Atex. Russell to spend the evening

Marchy: DEAR MR. MCDONALD-

We, your congregation, have met to-night to show in a tangible way our electre appreciation of your earn You have fearlessly taught the Word of God, endeavoring to lead our minds from worldly affairs to things everlasting. Although but a short time with ne you have proved a friend de pendable upon at all times, Your visits in our homes are full le more welcome than you. Your strong personality has an elevating lo-

mence on all those with whom you come in contact. We feel that you have a great future before you and 1912 will consist of Mayor Thorps (

Our good wishes will always be with you wherever the duties of life may lead you, and when this life's work is gragation in the beavenly home.
Signed on behalf of the Churchill

KONA RUSSKIL MRS. B. CRIPTS

December 17th, 1911. At the conclusion of the reading the address Misses Edna Russell Gladye Smith handed Mr. McDonald

the presents named. Mr. McDonald thanked bis donors in very grateful terms for their Christmes gifts. He said that while it is only a few months since he left his home in Greenock, Ecotland, he had found many warm hearts in Canada and especially in the congregation of Churchill. It would be his aim always and music. to fulfil to the best of his ability the would always find blos faithful.

BALLINAFAD

The New Year's entertainment the hall here on Friday stening last was a great . wiccose in every respect Although the roads were not very good the capacity of the ball was pretty well taxed. The programme was long and varied and the different actors did themselves great credit. The Ladies' Aid Society of the church bad provided an excellent repeat which was evidently much appreciated. The pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Currie, discharged in an able manner the onerous duties of chairman to the entisfaction of all. A yery pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to the organist of the Sabbatl School, Miss Margaret Kentner, of very handsome new hymn book as slight token of appreciation of he salued services. The Unancial recults add a goodly sum to the treasury of

the Bociety. The children of the Methodist congregation here have begun to practise for their entertainment, which it is expeoted will be held on January 26th. Rev. M. Oree, B. A., and Mrs. Oree of Norwood, Oat., visited at his pater nal home here for a few days last

Mr. and Mrs. John Kirk and family. of Toronto, spent the holidays with riends in our village. The city seems

to agree well with them. days with friends in the Queen Oity.
Election Day was a busy one in both
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McDONALD, BELL, COOPER, SMITH

Municipal Election a Class One. Coun eiller Brown Defeated by

only 2 Votes DONALD HEADS THE POLI here was considerable interest be election for Municipal Cour here on New Year's day. large number of citizens gave pe that they were satisfied with

Council of 1911, but Councillor Brow who is one of our basises of busines men, was very indifferent about being re-elected after giving two years she vice, and took no time to canvam th electorate or get out the vote. The other four candidates made a vigorous canvass and naturally Mr. Brown was defeated. His defeat, la however not very serious, insemuch as ev under the circumstances he polle within eight votes of the number secured by Mr. Smith, the candidate

shove him. The vote was as follows:

McDonald 85

the bottom. He appreciated their con Edence, and would endeavor to serthem faithfully. Several Important best for the people in all of them.

Councilior Bell slouply wished thank the electors for their support and would try to represent them faith fully in all matters coming before the Council of 1912.

Councillor Cooper expressed similarly hearty thanks and promised faith

Mr. Smith thanked the electors for placing him in the Council of 1912 had a hard fight to win a seal when the old Council were all in the run ning. He would ever try to work in the people's interests.

BURLINGTON-This town saw bottest municipal fight in its history Ex-Warden Max Smith was opposed for the Reeveship by Thomas Atkinson. Mr. Smith crueblarly defeated him with a majority of 191, the greatest majority four times over ever woe in any fight for the Reeveship. Reeve Smith polled 333 votes to his oppon ent's 112. This is an eloquent index of the popularity of Mr. Smith

in his bome town The by-law for the new \$33,000 Public School building was carried by 184. MILTON-In a three-cornered fight for the Mayorality, Dr. H. A. McColl was elected, defeating James Blain and R. L. Hemetreet. The Council was elected by accimention, and E. F. with the pastor, Rev. W. M. Macdon- Rari defeated Dr. J. Dent for Reeva.

OAKVILLE -A. S. Forster, Rosve, C. During the evening the following H. Oross, J. T. Madden, Walter White address was read by Miss Lily Mo- taker. W. R. Feetberstone, W. D. Gregory, W. H. Careon, Councillors Mayor Hillmer was elected by accla-

BRAMPTON-Mayoralty, T. W. Due ity of 41 J. S. Beck was elected Reeve. A. H. Milner, Deputy Roeve Thos. Thanburn for Water Commis sioner. Councillors, James Martin. Dr. Sharpe, W. J. Beatty, Wm. Warr.

John Fingland, R. B. Ashley. The by-law to purchase the Bramp ton Ricctric Light franchise was car ried by a majority of 140.

GUELFII-The Goelph Council fo will accomplish much in the Lord's sociamation) and the following Alder-vineyard. Your faithfulness is great, never shrinking any duty, and always willing to undertake more work for ter, R. H. Brydon, S. Penfold, S. Cal-We sak you to accept this Christman Howard, H. Occomore, H. C. McLeen. KRAMOSA—Heeve — Chas. McNabb Councillors - Charles Benham Revter

Nelson, Adam Wood and John Res. Esquisino-Reeve-John Bingham (secil); Dep. Reeve-Thos. Cars. (secil) Councillors -- Wm. Cleave, James Newton, James Brown.

CREWSONS CORMERS

Ohristman and New Years have come and goos with the neual number of family re-unions and we have again settled down to the customary routine. The young people are enjoying the excellent skating on the ponds these

Mrs. Wm. Bennett antertained a this week,____ number of her friends on New Years. After partaking of a bountiful supper the gueste spent the evening in games

Mr. H. Demper has purchased the former blacksmith shop and dwalling from Mrs. W. Bennett and will take postersion immediately. Mr. Outling of Mrs. J. Polster.

will move to Aston. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Coleman, of Cleveland, who are visiting in Acton, spent a day with friends here.

Capt. and Mrs. C. S. Gamble return. ed to Buffalo on Tuesday after spend ing the holidays with friends here. Miss Bertha Little, of Toronto, spent the New Year holidays at Mr. Jas.

Mr. Jos. Orewenn, of Toronto, and laugh, of Toronto, were here last Miss Auple Crewson, of Millon, spent Ohrletman'at their home here."

In the Land of Contraries. Old women, not young, are the idols Chinese spelety. Elderly men fly kites and play ball, while the children look quietly on. The very highest ambition of a Chinaman is to_have a bandsome coffin and a costly funeral. Men west long skirts and carry fant Women wear short jackets and carry canes. When a Chinaman, meets an .sequaintenes he covers his head and shekes his own hand. If very glad to soc a friend a Chinaman very often tabs shoulders with him. . If a Chinaman dealres a visitor to dine with him he does not ask him

THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

so; but if he should not wan him he says: "Won't you stay and dine."! . The visitor than thous that he is not wanted. fispes of Human Hale In north Japan is an engrimous ten ple, the timbers of which were, hauled from the mountains and put in place romen of the pravince. From these freezes, which were brought forth by Got. Rosell's to Mr. Beams. inches in circumference and 1 400 feet in length, while the other was it inches to often was it

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL Mr. R. K. Garvin, of Toronto

Miss Sadie Turton visited relatives

Miss Amy Walker, of Toronto. with friends bere. Mr. Ham, of Toronto, spent with Mr. B. Gunton. Mrs. A. T. Brown visited friend

Buelph on Saturday.

Mr. J. P. Secord, of Orilla, was day or so lest week. Miss Ella McPherson, of Tory laited Acton friends. Mr. Kiford Nelson, of Guelph bere during the week.

Mrs. Jounte Akins, of come for the holidays. Mrs. A. P. Scott visited here during the week.

Mrs. Geo. McBall Spent the bolide with friends in Lindsay. Mrs. Collier and children vi flends at West Toronto. Miss Ada, Campbell, of Turo pent a few days in town. Miss Mamie Mamiles was bo

Hereward for the bolidays.

Mrs. T. B. Akins, of Berlin. own a day or two last week. Mr. Chester Plank returned fr Red Deer, Alts., on Monday. Miss Nora Kenney visited ber o Creemore over the holiday. Mr. J. C. McDougall was home fr

New Ontario during the week. Miss Mary McPherson visited Tor to friends over the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Adams Bauer, of Berlin were in town for the holidays. Mr. James Ramehaw, of Detre

visited Acton friends last week Miss Sadie Prout, of Turonto, war New Years with Acton friends. Miss Muriel Small, of Kilbride, spec week or so with Acton friends; Miss Hildenbrand visited her hove! at Granton during the holidays.

Mr. Robt. Hynds, of Glenwilliam

risited at Reeve Hynde' last week. Mr. and Mrs. H. Bauer and childre of Hastings, visited Acton friends. Mr. A. J. Mackinson was at the old home is Caledon for a boliday visit. Mrs. John C. Nelson spent No. Years with Mrs. Cookman at Weston Mr. and Mrs. E. Meching, of Toronto. were the guests at Mr. H. G. Brown's

Mr. M. Plynn who went to Winni

peg last fall is now in Vancouver. B

Mrs. Wood, of Turonto, visited by rousin. Mrs. Gunton and other friends The Misses Dule, of Toronto, were

russis of Mrs. Jennie Smith over New ponding the week with friends in To

Miss Margaret Payos, of Hamilton. was the guest of her friend, Miss Grace Mr. Walter Posse, Halleybury, spent

the holidays with Mr. Wm. Lands-Mrs. H.J. Hall and Miss Hall of Berlin, were guests at Mr. P. McNabble Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kelly, of Strat-

ford were guests at Sunderland Villa Smith were with Guelph friends over

the holiday. Mr. Will Edmiston, of Wilcox, Sask. arrived in town this week to visit Acton friends.

Miss Laura, of Hespeler, spent New Years in town. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore brees guests at a family gathering in Toronto on New Years Mrs. (Dr.) Holmes spent a few days

during the week at the home of father in London. Miss Mary Sharpe, of Ingersoll, visitduring the holidays.

Mr. Richard Authory, of Ludding ton, Mich., was the guest of his sister. Mrs. Chas. Johnstone. Mr. Charles W. Johnstone, of Oal gary, Alta., has been spending a few

weeks in the pld home. Mrs. Chas. Nichans, Mr. Fred and Mise Kathleen, and Mr. W. Moore, of Toronto, were gueste of Acton friends Miss Boyd Orawford and Miss Neille Frank visited Mr. W. H. Orawford, at Cathoart, over the New Yearholidays. Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald, and Miss Bessie, of West Toronto were the

guests of Mesers. G. & A. McDonald Misses Gertrude and Maud Baker, of Stevensville, were guests of their sister, Mrs. Draper, at the Methodist

DATEGORAGE. Mr. A. A. Nasmith, of Bracebridge, on route for Owen Sound Business College, spent New Years at the home

'Miss Bessie Douglas attended the funeral of her friend, the late Miss Mary Halliday, at the Sixteen, Traalgar, on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth, of Toronto.

and Miss Corrier Brewer, of Boston Mass., spent Christmas and New Years with Mrs. W. H. Coxon. Messru. Geo. Ocokman, Cincinatti, O.1 A. Hall, Hamilton and Loo Bows Thursday attending the funeral of the

late Rev. C. Ookman. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown orlebested their silver wedding anniversary at their residence on Mill Street last Priday, They were the recipients of sincers congratulations, from numer one friends

Mr. Brosst Ebbage, a graduate of the FREE PRISE, is now holding the respousible pusition of manager of the North Vancouver branch of Canadian Financiero, Limited. Mar W. Stark formerly of Aston, is a member of the bred office staff at Vancouver.

ROOKWOOD A number of Bramosa farms have changed hands lately. David Armstrong, 7th line, has sold his farm to Thos. Cox for \$7,800, The farm, 180 scene, is a good one with ap-to-data buildings. This is the fourth farm to change hands lately in this neighborhood; D. R. Rese to George Wheeler, P. McDonald's to John McDonald and

CAN'T REPEAL LOCAL OPTION the Fifteen Contents in Outers

Local Option Was Suctained in Every One

D NEW PLACES CARRY BY-LAW The result of the voting on Local Option by-laws throughout the province on Monday was very gratifying to all who are working for the aboli tion of the bar rooms in this fair pro-

By-laws were carried in bineteen places, and would have been carried in nineteen more if it had not been for the three-fifths requirement. These municipalities carried it : Cannington, Locknow, Kinloss, Hkfrid, Blenhelm, Percy, Orillia, Regut and Hythfield. Peles Island, Charlotteville, Howard, Harwich, Point Edward, Lavaler, Oat,

Walpole, Busanquet and Emo. Local Option was sustained in fifteen places, including three towns, the victory in Owen Sound being particularly gratifying. In no place was the by-law repealed, por was the three fifthe requirement necessary to save i anywhere. On the whole there were majorities for prohibition in 53 places, and against prohibition in only 28

This result is all the more gratifying when it is remembered that throughout Ontario 445 municipalities out of 844, or more than 53 per cent., are now without bers. It must be expected that in these later stages of the contest the progress will be somewhat probibitiouists chose the fields that looked most promising.

In Owen Hound not only was the attempt to repeal Local Option defeated by a good majority, but a municipal council was elected with two-thirds of its members favorable to the mea-

A striking feature of the returns ! the permanence of Local Option. In not a single case was the three-fifthe majority required to sustain the law, but that requirement defeated the measure in about thirty per cent. of

the places voted upon. In Kingston a by-law to reduce licenses from 25 to 15 was carried by 123 majority. In Stratford a similar by-law to reduce from 15 to 10 was carried by 300 majority.

"A strong campaign was carried out in favor of local option at Listowe 323 voted for it and 219 against. While winning on a straight vote, the three-fiths clause proved too beavy a handlesn, and the by-law was defeatad by twenty votes. The local option supporters ran a ticket for mayor and councillors, and succeeded in returning five out of six of their candidates the mayor, W. Climie, being re-sleet ed by a majority of seventeen votes Mr. John Watson, the local brewer,

THE OPTIMISM OF THE CONSUMPTIVE

was defeated.

Perhaps there is no disease, whilst aften fatal in its outcome, is yet viewed with no much optimism by the patients themselves. It is well that it is no, for all know to what extent one's own feelings. whether cheery or the opposite, influence both mental and physical conditions. "I was certainly impressed with this thought," remarked a newspaper reporter, "in inter-viewing a patient of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives. She was a pretty girl of 94, brown bair and dark gray eyes, who had come all the way from wan. She mid she felt pretty sick when she first arrived at the Hospital and for two days the nurses had to personally ford bor. " Abave been in bed all the ima, she mid. 'I have been well cared for while I have been here. I am sure I am-going to get well, and feel better now than before I took sick. Everybody seems so happy and bright, and tells me when I got up I amoure to like it. Everything is done to please me and nake me happy. One may well wish that so bright a patient

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The forty-eighth annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Merchants Bank of Canada was held on Wednesde

. The statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 30th November, 1911, showed :-The net profits of the year, after payment of This has been disposed of as follows: charges, rebate on discounts, interest on Dividend No. 94, at the rate of 9 deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to \$1,179,581.03 per cent per annum \$135,000.00
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her, toto, was...... 90,307.1 per cent per annum.....

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A. J. MACKINGS.
Clerk.
Acton, December 17th, 1911. Geo. HIRE

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