

The Liberal.

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As there has been some talk relative to purchasing a new lot and erecting a new Public School building it would be a good idea to get the views of the trustees at the nomination meeting.

Surprise is often expressed in some quarters that so much money is spent in the village and so little to show for it. If any ratepayer will read carefully the Treasurer's statement published this week he will come to the conclusion that a large amount of money is spent every year that cannot be avoided.

Every citizen who takes an interest in the welfare of our village should attend the nomination meeting in the Lorne Hall to-morrow, Friday, evening. If you are not satisfied with the way the money has been spent make yourself heard. And if you do not understand the statements ask for an explanation.

Some time ago it was incidentally stated in THE LIBERAL that not a single woman in Richmond Hill signed the petition asking for a repeal of Local Option. This fact has been favorably commented upon by several of the County papers. It is to be hoped the women voters will show a similar spirit on the first of January. It is only reasonable that women generally take a firm stand against the drink traffic. Whole families often suffer from the intemperate use of strong drink, but women have been the greatest sufferers. We would say, therefore, give the traffic a kick every time an opportunity presents itself, and do not give it more scope by making the sale legal.

A writer in the Markham Sun last week gave nine reasons why he thinks that Markham Village should pass Local Option on the first of January. His ninth reason is given as follows:—

"We are for Local Option because we do not forget the scenes of Markham Fair day this fall. If the citizens could have voted within two weeks of that Friday, not forty people would have dared to vote for the Bar and its work. Then don't forget Markham Fair. Also keep in mind that within two weeks certain things transpired which interested parties have tried to hush up, saying, 'If this gets out, Local Option will carry sure.' Let these affairs be known and then you go and vote against the Bar and for Local Option."

That Bald Spot

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IMPORTANT MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Leading Canadian Physicians Become Consultants to the Muskoka Sanatoriums

The trustees of the National Sanitarium Association have announced to the Medical Profession in Canada that they have appointed Dr. W. P. Caven, Dr. J. T. Fotheringham, Dr. H. B. Anderson and Dr. Harold Parsons consultants to the Muskoka Cottage Sanatorium and the Muskoka Free Hospital. These well-known physicians will spend a day regularly once a month at the Muskoka Homes. The visits of Dr. Parsons, who has charge of the tuberculosis clinic at the Toronto General Hospital, will be made every two months.

SHALL WE RETURN TO LICENSE?

As a humble member of our little community allow me, Mr. Editor, to say a word in appreciation of the manly stand taken on the temperance question by the Rev. E. C. Currie as expressed in his recent well-timed letter in THE LIBERAL.

On this, the most important question of the hour the Rev. gentleman has certainly placed himself erect, along side the stalwart advocates of Moral Reform. It is pleasing to know that so many of the ministers of our churches are taking a similar position. My Editor, any agitation in connection with the welfare of our little town is a matter of interest to me.

I came to this village when ten years of age. My life's activities have been mixed up with the history of its past, especially on the temperance question. Many years ago that saintly man of God, Rev. James Dick, twenty eight years pastor of our Presbyterian church; Amos Wright, Esq., M. P. P. for eighteen years, and kindred spirits in the temperance cause raised in our village the standard of Total Abstinence for the individual and Total Prohibition for the State. And what had we to face? There were then in our Village seven hotels between Elgin Mills and the road to Garrville.

Previous to the Railway Era Yonge Street was the main artery of travel from the north to the Toronto market. These hotels did a rushing business, aided by local consumption in the sale of intoxicating drink. Every hotel had its "Old Guard," a coterie of professional bunners who seemed to be always thirsty. No business man could enter a hotel in those days and be considered courteous unless he treated all hands, including himself and the landlord. Then treating was in its glory, and drunken men reeling to their homes a daily exhibition.

We had at that time six stores and groceries, and they all sold whiskey. In those days it was not considered possible to run a mercantile establishment of any kind without a good stock of that popular article always on hand. It was sold wholesale at fifty cents a gallon and retailed by the quart and pint to almost every home in the village. Then no barn raising, logging bee party, birth, wedding or funeral could come off without intoxicating drink being one of its most indispensable features. At our "West End" a Distillery was run, with its fires blazing night and day to supply the ever increasing demand.

The writer has lived long enough in the village to see a great change in its environments.

When the Railway Era set in and the Northern, now the Grand Trunk, was built, traffic along Yonge Street greatly decreased. One hotel after another disappeared until they were reduced more than half. The "Old Guard" retired, and the Distillery fires went out.

In 1874, as Reeve of the village, the writer signed the last two applications for shop licenses. For seven and thirty years there has been no whiskey sold by any merchant of our town. The Temperance cause has continually increased in sentiment and vigor, until in 1906 Local Option was adopted by a good majority. Since then intoxicating liquor has not been sold unless in violation of the law.

The legal traffic in strong drink with all its baneful influences has happily ceased to exist among us, we hope forever. It has left sad memories behind it and we have had our share of tragical results many of which might be given, for in this dreadful business history often repeats itself, painful memories enough surely to cause an intelligent community who are supposed to be governed by the laws of temperance principles and guided by religious instruction, individually and collectively to pause and consider before they again give legal authority to a business fraught with such terrible results.

Nearly six years ago we adopted Local Option. Since then we have never had a calamity resulting from strong drink. Under the old regime our Fair on the 24th of May seemed to be the dumping ground of all the local depravity within reach. The days would frequently wind up with drinking, fighting and profanity that would disgrace humanity. Since Local Option 2,000 and 3,000 visitors may be seen boarding the Metropolitan cars without a profane word or a rowdy action. At our recent Old Boys' Reunion when upwards of 2000 visitors took part in the celebration, many of the boys commented favorably on the contrast between the present and the past. In former times as a village we have had to make provision for the necessities of the poor within its limits. To-day we are entirely relieved of that anxiety. Since the advent of Local Option, Poverty is an "unknown quantity" in Richmond Hill. Our contest is not with the hotel. Attractive and comfortable calling places for the accommodation of the travelling public are needed all along the line. Apart from the sale of intoxicating drink, hotel keeping is as legitimate a business as preaching the Gospel.

We are a Christian community. The Bible which we all revere tells us that no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, and it expressly declares that "Cursed is the man that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's mouth, and maketh him drunken also."

Wisdom dictates that we as responsible citizens, for the sake of our homes, for the welfare of our boys, and to avoid future regrets, should "shun that which is evil and cleave to that which is good" by voting for the continuance of Local Option. The Liquor Traffic has held sway over our village for a hundred years. We have begun the present century with Local Option. If at the end of the century we find that it has not been a success, it will then be time for us to consider its repeal. WM. HARRISON.

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MEANING OF THE CROSS



This cross (in red) has been adopted in Canada and all over America as the emblem under which the Crusade against Consumption is carried on.

Every reader knows of the ravages of this disease; how, too often, the bread-winner of the family falls a victim, or the young man or young woman, with a promise of a happy and useful life, is stricken down.

This modern Crusade, like the one of old, is a winning fight. The death rate from Consumption in this province shows a decrease of over 25% in the past few years.

Nearly 6000 of these poor sufferers have been cared for in our Consumptive Homes in Muskoka and near Weston. To-day we have 300 patients under treatment—patients who, if they had the money, could not through fear of contagion gain admittance into other hospitals.

In the Muskoka Free Hospital alone we are now caring for 156 patients. 128 of these cannot pay a single cent for the cost of their maintenance, 15 pay 70c. per day, 1 pays 57c. per day, 12 pay 50c. or less per day.

Our Trustees, having faith in the generous-hearted people of Canada, have continued to carry on this work during the past year.

Money to pay doctors, food, nursing and caring of these sick ones, is urgently needed. Will your readers help and have the joy of sharing in a work that has the promise of the Master's reward?

W. J. GAGE

Chairman Executive Committee, National Sanitarium Association

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