

MAJORITY FAVOR LIQUOR LICENCES

Flashback In History -

Old Files Tell Story Of Over Century Long Liquor Battles

Richmond Hill Dry Since 1906 Reversed Decision in Liquor Referendum — First Hotel Erected Here in 1806 — One Time Six Hotels and Six Grocery Stores Sold Liquor — Distillery Worked Around the Clock — Banish the Bar Rallying Cry of Early Local Option Contests —

Richmond Hill voters last Saturday gave a substantial majority in favor of the retail sale of liquor, and as soon as licences can be issued there will be legal sale by the glass in this municipality which has been "dry" since 1906.

Repeal of the local option by-law required a sixty per cent vote and the ballot on the licensing of dining lounges received a majority considerably in excess of the requirement. On the issue of cocktail bars the vote was much closer, but still a substantial majority in favor.

It has been reported in error many times during the campaign just concluded that "Richmond Hill has been dry since 1917 or forty-five years". We have many newcomers in our midst and it is pardonable and understandable that they are not familiar with the history of our town.

A feature of the vote which should be noted by present day citizens is that the vote recorded on that occasion was 30 per cent of the possible, compared to a 62 per cent vote last Saturday. This was the first time women had a vote on the local option issue, and it should be remembered that in the 1906, 1909 and 1912 votes women did not have the franchise.

In 1906 when local option first carried, Richmond Hill was a small village and the campaign was featured by a frank condemnation of all the evils of the open bar. The local option by-law was first carried in 1906 after many years of dedicated

campaigning by temperance workers. Three years later it was endorsed and again in 1912. In 1906 there were recorded 177 votes, and in 1909 205 electors exercised the franchise. In the 1912 vote the majority for the drys was highest of all but the total vote had decreased. The results in 1912 gave 126 in favor of the by-law and 44 in favor of repeal, a majority of 82 for local option. This was taken as a most decisive victory at the time and until 1935 no further attempts were made on behalf of repeal.

According to the files of The Liberal the first hotel was erected here in 1806 and for one hundred years the liquor traffic was legal business. One century after the erection of the first hotel the citizens of Richmond Hill by their votes placed a ban on John Barleycorn and adopted local option. Now just a little more than half a century later Richmond Hill with a voting population of more than 8,000 has reversed that decision.

A perusal of our files reveals interesting sidelights in the history of the town and the long struggle against the evils of strong drink and the open bar. As the files reveal those were the days of the Temperance Soci-

Break & Enter Theft Nets \$100 At Centre

Richmond Hill Police are investigating two break-ins which occurred in Richmond Heights Centre sometime early Tuesday morning.

About \$100 was taken from the two shops, Jack Fraser Men's wear and the Stag shop. Police report that similar break-ins occurred in Toronto, Newmarket and Barrie the same night.

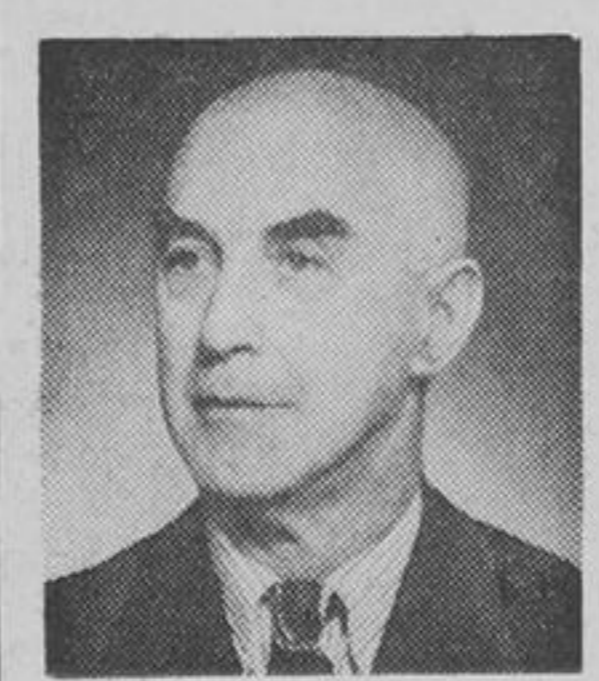
Mayor Declares Interest

At the start of the debate, Mayor James Haggart declared he had an interest in the matter and thus could not take part in the discussion or vote. Recent provincial amendments in municipal legislation now make it imperative that a person holding public office declare any personal interest they have in any matter coming before council. Once they have declared their interest they must then refrain from entering the discussion or voting.

Funeral Tuesday

F. Hoover victim of tragic car crash. A tragic car accident in Fairfax, Virginia, last Friday caused the death of Fred Hoover, retired bank manager and one of Richmond Hill's most highly esteemed citizens. His wife, Mrs. Bernetta Hoover suffered very serious injury and is in the Hospital at Fairfax in a very critical condition.

Honourary Chairman For Peace Research



R. D. Little, well known and highly respected citizen of Richmond Hill, has been named honorary chairman of the local campaign for funds to support the Canadian Peace Research Institute headed by former nuclear physicist Dr. Norman Z. Alcock.

Make \$250 Grant To Curtain Club

Richmond Hill Town Council in session Monday unanimously granted the Curtain Club \$250, to help defray the expense of sending a full complement of actors and stage crew to the Dominion Drama Festival in Winnipeg on May 14 to 19th. Mrs. Margot Crack and Mr. Dennis Thatcher waited on council to request assistance. Mr. Thatcher stated that the club wished to send an extra four people over and above the number allowed for by the festival officials. He estimated this would cost an extra \$600. The club hopes to raise \$300, to \$350, through donations.

Town To Clarify Policy On Apartment Lot Fees

Richmond Hill Town Council decided Monday it will have to clarify its policy regarding the amount of the lot fees to be charged on lots which are to be used for apartment developments. The matter was brought forcibly to the attention of council when builder Ben Freedman sought a refund on the \$1,950 in lot fees he had already paid on three lots on Colborne Ave. (plan 2383, lots 268 and 269). He had originally intended to build three houses on the site but has decided to build a 35 suite apartment building instead.

The finance committee, planning board and solicitor will all be asked to further study the matter. The actual setting of a new schedule of lot fees for apartment developments will be the sole responsibility of council.

In a liquor referendum last Saturday Richmond Hill voters voted over 64 per cent in favor of licencing dining lounges for the sale of liquor. This was better than four per cent more than the sixty per cent required to repeal the Local Option By-law passed in 1906.

On the question of licences for cocktail lounges the vote was just two short of the required 60 per cent. It has been intimated a recount will be asked for when a County Judge will rule on the count of accepted ballots, and also on the validity of 215 rejected ballots.

In the count by deputy-returning officers ballots not marked with the required X are rejected. Sometimes in a recount a Judge might take the view that if the voter's intent is clearly indicated the ballot may be counted.

The requirement of an X, and only an X on a ballot is based on the need for preservation of the secrecy of the ballot. Any mark other than an X might identify the ballot of a particular voter. The law is designed to protect the secrecy of the ballot and eliminate as far as possible any corrupt practices in voting at all elections.

Active and hard-working committees for both the "Vote Yes" and "Vote No" committees toiled hard throughout the day getting the voters to the polls. The deputy-returning officers, poll clerks, scrutineers and special constables at 21 polls did an excellent job at handling the voters and recording the votes. The count was completed in short order and the official returns announced by Returning Officer Russell Lynett shortly after nine o'clock.

The official results released by Returning Officer Lynett Monday afternoon were as follows:

Dining Lounge Licence		
Yes	No	Rejected Ballots
3165	1755	217
Yes — 64.329 per cent		
Lounge Licence		
Yes	No	Rejected Ballots
2953	1970	215
Yes — 59.984 per cent		

The detailed results of the voting by subdivisions which follows shows that of 8175 eligible voters, 5138 exercised the franchise, a voting record of 62.45 per cent.

Vote For Dining Lounge Licences

Polling Subdivision	Yes	No	Rejected Ballots	
Advance	74	26	7	
1. Municipal Hall	97	94	6	
2. McConaghy	109	158	11	
3. McConaghy	101	63	10	
4. McConaghy	86	57	7	
5. Walter Scott	149	69	11	
6. Walter Scott	133	55	7	
7. Walter Scott	97	47	14	
8. Walter Scott	229	87	13	
9. Crosby Heights	152	68	9	
10. Crosby Heights	227	74	10	
11. Beverley Acres	178	70	10	
12. Beverley Acres	202	56	19	
13. Beverley Acres	187	78	14	
14. Beverley Acres	137	57	18	
15. Beverley Acres	220	74	16	
16. O. M. MacKillop	139	93	9	
17. Municipal Hall	111	59	3	
18. O. M. MacKillop	132	86	1	
19. Pleasantville	179	125	12	
20. Municipal Hall	146	171	7	
21. McConaghy	80	88	8	
TOTAL	4920	3165	1755	217

Vote For Cocktail Lounge Licences

Polling Subdivision	Yes	No	Rejected Ballots	
Advance	71	27	9	
1. Municipal Hall	94	97	6	
2. McConaghy	107	162	9	
3. McConaghy	97	63	9	
4. McConaghy	87	89	4	
5. Walter Scott	131	88	10	
6. Walter Scott	125	62	8	
7. Walter Scott	92	55	11	
8. Walter Scott	206	109	14	
9. Crosby Heights	138	82	8	
10. Crosby Heights	202	97	12	
11. Beverley Acres	165	83	10	
12. Beverley Acres	210	46	21	
13. Beverley Acres	174	88	17	
14. Beverley Acres	128	67	17	
15. Beverley Acres	212	86	14	
16. O. M. MacKillop	126	107	3	
17. Municipal Hall	103	66	4	
18. O. M. MacKillop	121	96	2	
19. Pleasantville	162	144	10	
20. Municipal Hall	132	183	9	
21. McConaghy	70	98	8	
TOTAL	4923	2953	1970	215

Local Lads Win Mason Bowling Classic



A team of bantam bowlers from Allencourt Lanes won the Mason Trophy at the National Bantam Bowling Championship held last Saturday at the Allencourt Lanes. The trophy went west last year with a team from Lloydminster, Sask., capturing the prize trophy.

Grouped around the trophy after their starry victory are (left to right) Allencourt Manager Doug. Miller, Robert Callan, Brian Thomas, Jack Mason, John Beaton, Ian Cameron, David Webster, Stephen Royston and Professional Instructor Jim Hoult. (Photo by George Chaplin)

(By Ron Craine) A team of bantam bowlers from Allencourt Lanes won the Mason Trophy Bantam Bowling Championships last Saturday. Throughout the long day 95 teams of boy and girl bowlers vied avidly for the championship. Two teams bowled in the final fight of the championship play provided most of the drama and excitement.

The final fights began to bowl at 7 p.m. It soon turned into a tooth and nail fight between Beach Lanes from Toronto and the Allencourt team for the boys championship. When the smoke and excitement had died down the Allencourt team had achieved a narrow 4 pin victory, bowling a total of 1925 pins to Beach Lanes' 1921. It was a terrific bowling effort by two teams of very fine bowlers. From the outset of the final round it was evident that these were THE teams to beat in the tournament. Parents and spectators were not disappointed. Beach Lanes bowled 1002 for their first game with Allencourt bowling a total of 960.

As the second game of the two game set got under way the Allencourt team, down by a total of 42 pins, continued to bowl in a determined manner. Beach Lanes, sent a wreathed in huge grins as sponsor Jack Mason presented the Mason Trophy to the team. The result was in doubt to the final ball of the final frame and a wild cheer went up as the narrow Allencourt victory was made official.

Steve Royston, Ian Cameron, David Webster, Brian Thomas, John Beaton and Robert Callan, all members of the victorious Allencourt Bantams, were