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THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor. DURHAM, JANUARY 2, 1908.

NIGHTMARE SIFTINGS

The Local Option campaign is now except the voting. We determine from the first to be as quiet as possible. We tried to avoid hard words between the two opposing sides. We published the literature on both sides, without comment either for or out of it. We asked no one to vote one way or the other, and we asked us. We have taken evidence of both sides, and we are of the opinion that the open bar is just to the best interests of the city financially and morally. Our will be for Local Option.

Though Dr. Beattie Nesbitt threw \$3000 job to be able to serve the needs of Toronto, the citizens turned down by electing Mr. Oliver to Mayor, by a majority of over 1000. The votes were as follows. Oliver 1022, Geary 7124, Nesbitt 6591, son 3701 and Vokes 964. In a Toronto the electors decided a majority of 111 to remain with the local option for another term of years. This expression of opinion of the people of North Toronto gave encouragement to others who his year trying to introduce the same. Mayor Fisher, who was elected in the same town, is opposed to local option.

FOR MAYOR FOR 1908

Ladies and Gentlemen: I again respectfully solicit your support for the position of Mayor for the year 1908. My reason for again turning to you is the fact that the works have been advanced to a stage and can be completed satisfactorily by me than a new

gain, the courtesy of a second term given to the Mayor when he contested the previous election. I shall strive to give you an active and energetic administration, in every way advance the interests of the town morally and otherwise. Thank you for the compliments of the year. I am

Your respectfully, W. CALDER.

LOCAL OPTION—THE LAST WORD.

(By Rev. Wm. Farquharson.) Local Option is not prohibition. It takes from no man the privilege of procuring drink for his own use. No law that the Province can make can prevent the importation of liquor from outside its bounds, and the Local Option by-law does not restrain any man from procuring such spirit as he may desire. Local Option is neither more nor less than the legal abolition of the retail trade in spirituous liquors. It is the death blow to the system of treating and all its attendant evils. It strikes at the open drinking dens with all their accompanying vices. Its slogan is "Abolish the Bar," and its power is in the awakening of the public conscience to the enormity of the evils with which the drinking dens have so long made us disgustingly familiar.

THE BAR-ROOM A WASTER.

Supporters of Local Option object to the bar-room and its influences because it destroys the noblest manhood of our country and mars our fairest prospects. Round every bar in town or country is laid a wide swath of mortgaged farms and blighted homes. When I was but a boy an old friend whose life had been sadly marred by drink came to see my father. Years had passed since they last met and, as they sat at the table, my father said to him, "Keep away from the drink, Davie. It ruins both purse and person." As I was driving him to the station he repeated my father's words over and over. "It ruins both purse and person." "Yes," he said to me "that's right, Willie, it ruins both purse and person." Many besides poor Davie have found out to their cost that "the glutton and the drunkard shall come to poverty and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags." In town and country the bar-room is the rallying centre of the worst elements in the community, and is the culture ground for profanity, vulgarity and low political intrigue. No self-respecting man to-day will dare stand before an intelligent audience and champion the bar. Nobody defends its drink debasing power and even the advertisements in the interests of the liquor trade put on the garb of the saint and appear as if solicited for the sobriety of the young men whom all the while they are driving to ruin.

OBJECTIONS TO LOCAL OPTION.

Since the degrading scenes around the bar-room so often obtained on our view find no defenders, and since even the liquor sellers have turned temperance lecturers, the centre of the fight is as to whether Local Option is likely to help the cause of sobriety, which both parties profess to have at heart.

It is hardly necessary to say anything about the class of objections that have appeared in many papers as unsigned advertisements under such titles as "The Blind Pig or Decent Bar," "Local Option makes Drunkards," "Local Option Ruins Young Men," and such like. The Globe takes its fee for circulating such vile rubbish and then pilates like on its editorial page washes its hands of all responsibility for spreading such indecent assertions on the plea that it were well paid for doing it. Assertions that are put before the public, weighted by such abject apologies, need not occupy our attention.

The objections from the loss of revenue are scarcely more worthy of notice. If our town pays out \$30,000 or \$40,000 a year for drink what shall it be profited if out of this large expenditure there be added to the town revenue \$309.52? Need I ask a school boy as to the profit and loss of a concern in which there is 99 cents of loss for every cent that is gained?

That hotel accommodation will be provided and improved under Local Option there is not the shadow of a doubt, though if a state of war ensue there may be some temporary inconvenience.

The only objection worthy of the name that has been presented is that the act, if put in force, will not accomplish what we desire. Testimonies from all quarters have appeared in the press. I have had conversations and correspondence with men who know the conditions in places where it is in force. I have read much that has been said on both sides, and the conclusion to which the evidence from Owen Sound, Midland, Charlottetown and Toronto Junction and other places points is plain and unmistakable. The law works no miracles. It does not make a man sober again this will. It does not stop all drinking or even all selling of drink. It does not implant principles of truth and honor where these before were wanting, but it gives men who want to be sober relief from the temptation that is presented in the open bar. Where it has been in operation it has removed much of the drunkenness and has awakened in all classes a sense of the enormity of the evil with which we are face to face. On the whole the evidence is convincing that business interests have not suffered, that many have been helped to a better life and that with time still greater benefits may be looked for.

HOW TO VOTE. Come out early and manfully exer-

cise the privilege of casting your vote. People that need to be ambalanced all the way are little strength either to church or state.

When you come to the polling booth mark your ballot straight in the space allotted for the purpose. Those who hug the dividing line have little comfort themselves and are useless to either party.

When you have voted according to your conscience do not quarrel with others who do the same. No matter how wise and saintly you may be you have no monopoly either of wisdom or conscience.

My purpose from first to last in these articles has been to present the question in all its bearings for the judgment of the electors. I have sought to lay it before your readers in its length and breadth, to express our difficulties and perplexities as well as our hope and assurance. I have tried to deal fairly with every class and with every interest. I have hidden nothing dissembled in nothing. I have spoken because I believe and expressed convictions which are my own. I have no personal favor to ask, and no apology to offer. I simply, humbly and honestly leave the case for your decision, thankful if my contributions have done anything to lead to a clearer apprehension of the principles involved and to a decision that will be the true expression of the public conscience.

THE BAR ROOM AS A BANK.

TO EVERY FREQUENTER OF THE BAR-ROOM.

MY DEAR JOLLY GOOD FELLOW:— In this age when too many men worship Gold more than God it is all-important that the Bank in which you deposit your money be financially sound. Here in Durham we have two strong Banks and three jolly Bars. The citizens of the town may roughly be divided into two classes—those who deposit in the banks and those who deposit in the bars—you belong to the latter class. The two classes seldom overlap, and the more you deposit in the Bars the less you will deposit in the Banks. More than that, the longer you deposit in the Bars the less desire you will have to deposit in the Banks. You know in your heart that that is absolutely true. You know it by experience. How much have you deposited in the Bar-room during the past year? How much in the Bank? Come now, figure it out like a man. Be square with yourself for once. If you had deposited in the Bank all you deposited in the Bar room what a nice little nest-egg you would have now. What difference would it make to your family? to your own self-respect? to your own place as a citizen? Again my good fellow, most of your money has found its way after all to the Bank. But not in your name. O, no, not in your name. The owner of the Bar-room put it there to his own account. Would it surprise you if the owners of the Bars are the largest individual bank depositors in town? Where do their large deposits come from? Why, from you and other poor fellows like you, who make your deposits in their Bars. And what do you get in return? A good fat account at the Bank? Ah! No. You get nothing in return for your deposits. Nothing, worse than nothing, for you lose everything in the long run. Let me sum up for you how you will stand in this business. When you use the Bar-room as a Bank, you deposit your money—and lose it; your time—and lose it; your health—and lose it; your purity—and lose it; your manhood—and lose it; your character—and lose it; your self-control—and lose it; your self-respect—and lose it; your home comfort—and lose it; your wife's happiness—and lose it; your children's happiness—and lose it; your own Soul—and lose it; for no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God (I Cor. vi: 10-11).

Now, next Monday you have a chance to vote out the Bar-room deposits which you have been making too long, and vote in the Bank deposits which you have neglected too long. Take your ballot like a man and mark it for Local Option—for the closing of the deadly Bars. In this way you will do what you can to make your town a clean town, and to wipe out the disgrace of having this fair Durham branded as one of the "drunkest" towns of its size in the Province.

Your friend,

ANTI BAR.

Notice.

The Annual Meeting of the South Grey Agricultural Society will be held in the Town Hall, Durham, on Wednesday, January 15th 1908, at 1 o'clock p.m. All members are earnestly invited to attend.

Geo. Binnie, Pres. Chris. Firth, Sec'y. Durham, Dec. 28th, 1907.

Notice.

The Annual Meeting of the Durham Horticultural Society will be held in the Public Library on Wednesday, January 8th, 1908, at 7.30 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend.

A. W. H. Lauder, Pres. Chris. Firth, Sec'y. Durham, Dec. 28th, 1907.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF DURHAM.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

At the request of many influential citizens of the town, I have consented to run for Mayor for 1908. My experience for seventeen years in the council and three years as Mayor has given me an opportunity to know the needs of the town, and my record during my Mayoralty term 1904 to 1906 has been, and is very favorably commented upon.

Believing that at this juncture when shipping facilities are increased, new industries needed and a general advance desirable, I can be of real service to the town. I ask your support and influence towards my election on January 6th, next.

Wishing all the compliments of the season,

Your obedient servant, A. S. HUNTER

MODEL SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

The following candidates passed the final examinations at the Durham Model School and have been awarded Third Class Certificates:—

Lizzie J. Binnie, Bunnissan. Adam C. Douglas, Chesley. Sadie P. Fletcher, Ceylon. Minnie E. Halpeny, Dromore.

The following also passed the examination and will be awarded Certificates when the conditions required by the Regulations as to age and non-professional qualifications be complied with:—

Thomas Allan, Varney. Gertrude Backus, Durham. Sadie Ferguson, Hopeville. Hazel Magwood, Hanover. Mary E. Morton, Aberdeen. Stanley McNally, Durham.

Renewals of Certificates were granted to:—

Fanny M. Bell, Dundalk. Kate McDonald, Dornoch. C. W. Bolton, Neustadt. Annie G. Clark, Louise. Annie Stevenson, Mt. Forest. Margaret Willison, Rock Mills. J. T. Tolchard, Durham.

A TOKEN OF ESTEEM

The members of the Junior League of the Methodist church in their meeting last Monday evening made a present of a small purse of money to their esteemed Assistant Superintendent. The following address accompanied the donation, to which Mrs. Benton made a suitable reply:—

The Durham Branch Junior Epworth League wish to convey in a measure their best wishes to Mrs. Benton, who is their Assistant Superintendent, and to ask her to accept this small token in the spirit in which it is given. We had at first thought of making it a gift in the form of some article of necessity, but finding she was already provided in that line we thought best to give her this purse. We trust our Heavenly Father may continue to bless her with the kind and unerring patience she has hitherto shown, and finally may meet her in the land where parting is not known.

Signed on behalf of the League: F. BRYON. PEARL MITCHELL.

Spring Bank.

We ate too much Christmas pudding last week and were not able to write.

Mr. T. J. Lawrence and his winsome young bride, of Rochester, are at present enjoying holidays with the former's brothers and other relatives in this section.

The dredge at the Lake is being overhauled and repaired to be ready for active work next spring.

Mr. Will Moore has on a number of men at work in his bush cutting wood and logs. Will intends pushing business this winter.

Mr. Robert Whitmore after spending a number of years out West, is home for the winter. His two sisters Maud and Kate are also home from Toronto for the holidays.

Mr. Joe Brown has purchased an up-to-date driving outfit in order to make this dreary life a little more pleasant.

The excellent sleighing and fine weather is causing a rush among the farmers at present.

Miss Lottie Brown of Toronto, is spending her holidays at home.

Miss Alice Lawrence intends leaving for Toronto this week. Alice will be missed, especially by one.

Miss May Aljoe, of Toronto, is enjoying a few holidays at the parental home.

Now dear Editor, to conclude our little budget, we wish you, your staff and your many readers, health, happiness and prosperity in this New Year, 1908

WE understand that Mr. W. J. McFadden has purchased fifty acres of bush land from Mr. John Gray of Bunnissan. Timber now a-days is more valuable than the land it grows on and it is likely Mr. McFadden will be turning it into money in the near future. We congratulate our townsman on becoming a bloated land-owner.

WE desire to extend to our Patrons, Hearty "Season's Greetings" And Best Wishes for their prosperity during the coming Year. James R. Gun & Co., Druggists.

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A Boston weak and sickly. His arm He didn't have entire body. The phy the family for Scott's Em. NOW: To feel would think he blacksmith. ALL DRUGG. NEW BUTCHER SHOP. beg to announce to citizens of Durham and vicinity that I have opened a first-class Butcher Shop the McIntyre Block which will furnish all kinds of meats at reasonable prices. Trial order solicited. B. PHILLIPS. Note the address McIntyre Block. - Durham. Do you want to make money? SAVE MONEY? When do business with H. H. Miller the Hanover Conveyancer. He offers: 200 acres Glenelg, Frame Dwelling, Barn, Good Farm, ought to bring Will sell for \$3000. 50 acres, Glenelg, splendid location, good Buildings, cheap at \$7500, will sell for \$5500. 100 acres on Durham Road, Bentinck Farm, Bank Barn, Fair Dwelling, for \$2500. 100 acres, extra good Buildings, along with nearly the \$700 asked for the Near Crawford P.O. 1 acre building lot in Durham, for cheap, or trade for anything a man eat, wear, or through a stick at. Property bought and sold on Commission to hand Debts collected. C. Tickets and Ocean Tickets for sale. of stock in Durham Cement Co., please my hands for sale cheap. Always Prompt, Never Negligent. H. H. Miller, The Hanover Conveyancer. Market Report. DURHAM, Jan. 2, 1908. Fall Wheat.....\$ 90 to Spring Wheat..... 90 to Oats..... 40 to Peas..... 80 to Barley..... 60 to Hay..... 17 00 to Butter..... 20 to Eggs..... 25 to Potatoes per bag..... 85 to Flour per cwt..... 2 65 to Oatmeal per sack..... 3 30 to Chop per cwt..... 1 50 to Live Hogs, per cwt..... 5 25 to Dressed Hogs per cwt. 7 00 to Hides per lb..... 3 to Sheepskins..... 40 to Wool..... 23 to Tallow..... 5 to Lard..... 12 to Turkeys..... 10 to Geese..... 8 to Ducks..... 8 to Chickens..... 7 to TOYS! T I have a fine assortment of Perfumer, Handkerchiefs for your Xmas Presents, goods at right prices. Copy your goods. I also have Peels etc. Dressed Poultry at highest market prices. J. H. TEAK