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Local Option has had its fairest trial in Owen Sound. If it has failed there, it can succeed nowhere. Read what the Mayor of Owen Sound says of Local Option's effect on a town:

To All Whom It Concerns Owen Sound, Nov. 27, 1907

"Local Option differs in operation very little from the Dunkin Act, which was tried in Owen Sound some years ago. "In Owen Sound there is a good, capable License Inspector, who does what he can to enforce the law, but public sentiment is against doing so, notwithstanding the large majority by which it was carried, and liquor is sold in large quantities yet. There has not been a single instance of anyone having been sent to gaol, although several convictions have been secured against nine hotels here. Lately some seventeen informations were laid by the License Inspector, every one of which was dismissed with costs, although he had two detectives who swore that they had got liquor.

"The writer knows places where liquor can be purchased, in which it was never seen before Local Option came in force, and he is informed that there are sixty-one of such places in the town.

"The town has four policemen, and the statutes, the by-law appointing them, a special by-law and a special resolution of the Council lately passed, make it the duty of these men to enforce Local Option; yet the sale goes on and no convictions are made.

"Public sentiment is against its enforcement. "Local trade has been injured by Local Option, and scores of people in the surrounding country who used to trade in Owen Sound when License was in force, now go to Warton, Chesley, Port Elgin, Chatsworth, Markdale, Meaford, etc. Local Option has divided our citizens into two hostile sections,—Local Optionists and Antis, who are jealous and distrustful of each other. What one proposes the other opposes.

"Owen Sound is a 'House divided against itself' in this respect.

"The evils arising from drinking have not been lessened but rather increased. Under License Law, liquors were sold in eleven hotels, and no liquor could be purchased by the glass outside of these hotels. Now it is sold in many places, and drunkenness is as prevalent as ever, if not more so. There may be less open drinking at bars, but drinking from bottles has largely increased, especially among youths and young men. Drinking takes place in private rooms, in offices, in closets, in cellars, outbuildings, etc.

"It may be asked, 'Where do they get it?' "It comes in on the railways, in trunks, in suit cases, in valises, in satchels, in boxes, barrels, etc. It comes in on boats, on wagons, in carriages, etc., etc. Friends bring it to friends, and there are those who bring it in to make money.

"It is impossible to keep liquor out. Evidence of this can be seen in the shape of empty bottles and broken bottles on the streets, in lanes and out-of-the-way places, in the police courts, at the docks, etc.

"The effect on the financial affairs in Owen Sound is this:

"At the Court of Revision held by the Judge to hear cases of appeal, nine appeals were heard, the appellants claiming that their properties had been lessened in value because of Local Option. After hearing the evidence the Judge ordered that their assessments be reduced \$57,750.00, and the Corporation lost, because of this, \$1,357.12 in taxes. The owner of one hotel (The Coulson House) neglected to enter an appeal, or in all probability another \$5,000.00 or \$6,000.00 would have been struck off. The revenue derived from hotel and shop licenses, amounting to \$1,394.00, has been entirely cut off, making a direct annual loss from these sources of \$3,051.12. Beside the Corporation has had to pay for legal advice and counsel fees, etc., fully \$500.00 more, in defending the by-law, and our citizens who tried to squish it lost perhaps another \$4,000.00 or \$5,000.00, and their relations as citizens have been embittered.

"It was said that under Local Option the town would require fewer policemen, and a saving could be made in that way, which would almost, if not altogether, offset the loss of revenue. It has been found that this cannot be done, in fact the salaries of some of the policemen had to be raised very materially, and the police force should be increased. Some active Local Optionists went so far as to ask that six additional men should be put on; there are four now. No reduction in the municipal expenditure of Owen Sound can be made because of Local Option.

"The writer was brought up in a family of eight boys and has three of his own.

"He has been in active business in Owen Sound for over forty years and is in business here yet.

"He has had to do with employing men during all that time and has many men under his control now.

"He has large pecuniary interests in several large manufacturing establishments here, and has occupied the positions of School Trustee, Councillor, Reeve, Mayor, and License Commissioner.

"He has served as a member of the Board of Trade, as one of its Council and as President, and knows Owen Sound thoroughly.

"The writer has seen Owen Sound under indiscriminate license, under restricted license, under the Dunkin Act, then under the present License Act, and under Local Option, and has no hesitation in saying that Local Option has not lessened drinking, has not improved business or the financial position of the people generally, neither has it improved the moral tone of the citizens as a whole, but on the contrary, Local Option has injured local trade and lowered the moral well-being of very many.

"The writer deeply regrets having to say these things, but believes that it is his duty to do so, if thereby he may help to prevent others repeating the mistake made in Owen Sound."

(Signed) M. KENNEDY, Mayor of Owen Sound.

Believers in Local Option have been willing to rest their case on Owen Sound. Yet here is it proved that Owen Sound has suffered grievously from Local Option. Have you any reason to think YOUR town would not repeat Owen Sound's experience? Would that be good for your town? Think, before you vote!

Priceville. (Crowded out last week.) The annual Sunday School entertainment held in the Presbyterian church here on Wednesday evening, the 18th Dec., was quite a success. This year eatables were dispensed with and saved a great deal of trouble and expense to those bringing baskets and the receipts of the evening amounted to more than if talent had been taken from abroad. We have in Priceville and vicinity a class of young ladies and gentlemen that are hard to excel as musicians, and as all are good we are not going to point out any as being the best. They are good in more ways than one, and good looks accompanied by sweet voices make it quite entertaining to the listeners. Pastor Matheson was in the chair and filled the office in his usual good way. The program was a lengthy one, consisting of recitations from the children, singing by the Priceville choir, led by Mr. Ram-

age, speeches by Revs. Berry, of Priceville, and Little, of Flesherton, drill by some 12 or 15 little girls, well performed. Proceeds of the evening \$46. The trustees of Top Cliff school have secured the service of Miss Lizzie Binnie for their school for 1908. Miss Kate McIntyre, of Toronto, came home a few days ago to see her mother, Mrs. McIntyre, south line, who has been unwell for some time and not improving much yet. Miss Mary McEachern is home from Toronto for her holidays. Mr. John Oliver, M. P. P., from Vancouver, son of Robt. Oliver, Esq., south line Artemesia, paid his aged father a short visit and other friends, and will be returning this week. We are sorry to hear that John Burnett, south line Artemesia, is very low at present with pneumonia, but a slight change for the better took place Saturday and good hopes are now entertained for his recovery. We are credibly informed that Mr. Thos. Nichol, half mile west of this place, is to be one of the candidates for Glenelg Council for 1908. Tom would make a good one, so it appears there will be no returns by acclamation in Glenelg this year. Mr. Bolger's sale on Wednesday last went fairly well considering the times. Mr. Bolger left the next day. We hear someone is to open out soon. This is the season for those away to take advantage of coming to their homes, if within reach, and a number have left our town and some arrived. Snowing again from the east, this Monday morning, the 23rd Dec. Snow is piled up on parts of our roads already. Trains are running regularly on the new railroad. Telegraph poles and wires are up and everything getting in shape for running order. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Chronicle and readers.

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Messrs Joe Lennox and Edward Johnston went to Stratford Hospital on Friday, as a consequence of a message that Will Johnston would have to go through another operation. There is little encouragement for his recovery now but hope he will. We must congratulate the Varney people on the success of their Christmas Tree. Although we were unable to get in, a glimpse showed the place to be beautifully decorated.

A social gathering in the home of Mr. Jas. Tucker this Tuesday night promises to be one of the bright things amongst the Christmas joys.

A jolly sleigh load of the light hearts of this part drove up to Zion Christmas Tree, and report it one of the best they have ever attended.

The crowd at St. Paul's on Christmas Day was not very large as many of the congregation were away visiting friends. Most people would sooner miss hearing a good sermon than miss a good Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Woods drove to Conn to partake of Xmas turkey with the former's father.

We hear of a number of Leap Year parties coming off. Seems as if the girls are going to take advantage of the boys when money is so scarce that there will no way out of a proposal only by way of matrimony.

A good many people from this part and surrounding country are taking their sick and infirm to a seventh son of a seventh son holding out in Mt. Forest. Although most people feel a bit skeptical about the charm of such persons yet those who have friends with infirmities feel it their duty to try every heard of remedy to try to restore them to soundness.

Mr. Wm. Sirrs Jr. was elected Trustee in place of Mr. Ben Woods the retiring member of the board.

Mr. Jas. Barbour came home Saturday night from near Stratford where he put in a faithful nine months and looks none the worse for it and may soon return to the same part again.

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