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DURHAM CHRONICLE

IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor. DURHAM, JANUARY 9, 1908.

INACTUM SIFTINGS

There may be arguments in favor of the License System and arguments against Local Option, but the recent campaign did not seem to develop any strength along the former line. The Big Head-Lines were drawn and struck as false the voters with reasonable and thoughtful minds. No sane person can uphold drinking and drunkenness whether it be at the bar or from a bottle behind the barn. That intoxicants will be illegally under local option and drinking to excess in some cases under the same law will not be denied by reasonable person. Intoxicants now sold illegally under what is deemed to be the best license system in the country ever had. Drinking to excess is done also under our good license system. Who is responsible for the violations of the law under the license system which gives a monopoly to the trade to three men in this town. Every man who holds the monopoly of the trade and men who could, if they would, live strictly up to the law are chief offenders. It may be repeated that it was repeated often before in the columns of this paper that the men themselves are to blame in a large degree for the temperance agitation of to-day. They have long been warned of the approaching danger to their business, but they refused to give heed to the warnings.

It is generally, if not wholly conceded that the liquor men are the law breakers under license and in places where local option or any other restrictive measure has been in operation the same class who brought about the violations are again the offenders. Of course the law will be violated under local option and violated exactly the same agencies as under our present law. These men are not law-abiding citizens under license, and it is not to be expected that they will be law-abiding citizens under a restrictive measure.

No matter how good a license system may have if badly administered it is sure to be looked on as a failure by a majority of the people. As evidenced in the Provincial plebiscite of 1894, the Dominion plebiscite of 1898 and latterly the Ross plebiscite in Ontario, when large

majorities were rolled up on each occasion against the liquor traffic. The sixty per cent. clause required in the Local Option Law is not a fair deal to the temperance people, but in regard to that it may be argued that in municipalities where the Local Option By-law goes into effect it will show the strength of the temperance sentiment, and when time comes for a repeal it will require the same percentage vote as it did to put it into operation. On this account there must be a big turn over of public sentiment to repeal a by-law once passed, and greater stability is given to the measure.

Much capital is made of the hard feelings that grow out of a local option campaign. There should be no necessity for one side to entertain hard feelings against the other, and there wouldn't be a great amount of discord if all were law-abiding citizens and willing to submit quietly to majority rule.

Local Option is not a measure that stands for all time, any more than any other law on the statute books of the country. The majority of the electors of this town have shown by their votes that they think it an improvement on the present license system. An effort on the part of its opponents to discredit the measure will be most fruitful in bringing about dissensions in the community and equally fruitless in leading the public to look with favor on the liquor business. There are only three men in this town whose business seems to be materially injured by the local option vote of Monday last. The measure should get a fair trial and if it fail after a fair trial, it should certainly be repealed at the end of three years. It isn't fair, however, for even a respectable minority to conclude now that the measure is a failure and start in from the first to make it as bad as possible. It is the will of the majority as shown by the votes, and before any conclusion should be come to, the law abiding citizens should give it a fair chance. Its success or failure will be measured by the willingness of our citizens to show themselves good loyal subjects by exercising obedience to a majority rule.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Quite an interest was taken in the elections here and in the surrounding townships on Monday last. The elector here should feel the importance of his franchise when six ballots were handed him by the Deputy Returning Officer at the different polling booths. Calder and Hunter were running for the mayoralty. Saunders and Laidlaw for the reeveship, and there were ten candidates seeking honors as councillors for 1908. Besides the filling of the regular municipal positions and the election of a trustee for the West Ward, there were two By-laws to be voted on, one to authorize the Council to raise money for the building of a new bridge at the foot of Garafra street hill and another for the adoption of Local Option.

From the first there seemed a feeling that Mr. Calder would be returned to the mayoralty, but opinions were divided so as to give no certainty regarding the election of a reeve. Some thought Saunders would be the winner while others felt that Laidlaw would be the people's choice. With ten council candidates, there was no telling who would get there, and the announcement was a sort of a surprise when it was learned Mr. McGowan, who headed the poll, was the only member of the Council of 1907 to go back for 1908.

Mr. Catton, Manager of the Furniture Company, measured his strength with Mr. Telford and suffered defeat at the hands of the electors. However, he takes his medicine well inasmuch as he claims to have been opposed by a first class man.

The old bridge at the foot of the hill needs to be replaced, and everybody felt sure that the By-law would carry with little or no opposition. The vote stood 233 for and 48 against the by-law, a much larger opposition than the majority of the electors expected to find. They expected a few, of course, but 48 was more than they counted on.

The big race was for Local Option, and the victory gained by the Local Option party was a surprise to many of them who have had doubts for the past fortnight or so. The total vote polled was 476. Of these 297 were for the By-law and 179 against it. This gave the temperance people sixty per cent. of the whole vote polled and eleven votes additional. Or looking at it from another point, Local Option would still carry if it had received 28 fewer votes than it did receive. The 179 votes by the anti-optionists would be offset by 299 votes from the temperance party or 28 votes fewer than they actually polled in its favor. The opponents of the measure felt quite confident that it would not carry, and the result was even a greater surprise to them than it was to the temperance people.

The election for trustee between Mr. Catton and Mr. Telford was not one of the main issues of the day. Both were considered good men, and the electors being allowed to vote as they liked did so, apparently feeling satisfied that either one would fill the

position well. The following gives the result by Wards for the different candidates and By-laws:-

Table with columns: DURHAM, Mayor (N, E, W, Totals), Reeve (Laidlaw, Saunders), Councillors (Brown, Cochrane, Kinnee, Kress, Lenahan, McGowan, McLachlan, Robertson, Sharp, Whelan), Councillors elected (J. H. Brown, D. Kinnee, Edward Kress, John McGowan, Adam Robertson, Benjamin Sharp), Bridge (For, Against), Local Option (For, Against), GLENELG. (Reeves, McCuaig, McFadden), Councillors (Black, Hunt, Kenny, McMillan, Nichol, Weir), Councillors elected (Edwin Hunt, J. A. McMillan, Thomas Nichol, Wm. Weir), Polling Subdivisions (No. 1, Ritchie's, 2, The Glen, 3, Markdale, 4, Tobermory, 5, Tp. Hall), BENTINCK. (Reeve-James S. Wilson, Deputy Reeve-John Dodsworth, Councillors-Alex. Wilson, Robert Grierson, George Noble), HANOVER. (Mayor-John Taylor, Reeve-R. J. Ball, Councillors-H. Speiz, Fred Heimbecker, V. Kirchner, H. Stadlander, Henry Weppler, Ed. Knechtel), EGREMONT. (Reeve-W. Hastie (accl.), Deputy-Walter Ferguson, Councillors-Geo. Lothian (headed the poll), John Philip, Duncan Hunter), NORMANBY. (Reeve-Andrew Schenk (accl.), Deputy-Wm. Umbagh, Councillors-Shiels, Baets, Koenig), ARTEMESIA. (Reeve-A. Muir (accl.), Deputy-T. R. McKenzie, Councillors-Alex. Carson, George Wright, Robert Best), OUTSIDE RESULTS. (Collingwood carried a By-law to place liquor license fees at \$2500 per annum. Owen Sound elected Mayor Kennedy by 176 majority. Paisley fell eight votes short on the Local Option By-law. Mt. Forest fell 15 votes below a bare majority on the Local Option By-law. The Local Option vote in Palmerston fell 10 short of a straight majority. Harristown gave 45 of a majority against Local Option. Gravenhurst gave 101 against Local Option. In Parry Sound the Local Option By-law was badly defeated. Barrie fell 66 votes short of the number required to carry the By-law.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLENELG. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:- I hereby wish to convey to you my grateful thanks for your courteous treatment at the late election and particularly those who so cheerfully and unselfishly united to vindicate unlawful infringement of our heritage and rights as citizens of this fair Dominion. And, although we have not succeeded in all we purposed, yet we have the satisfaction of doing our duty without fear or favor to anyone. Wishing you a Happy New Year I remain, Yours sincerely, ARCH. MCCUAIG. Top Cliff, Jan. 7, 1908.

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.

DIED. SPARLING-In Durham, on Wednesday Jan. 8th, George J. Sparling, aged 49 years, 4 months, 23 days.

AN AUSTRALIAN LETTER.

On Board Ship "Bromen" in Indian Ocean. November 7th, 1907.

DEAR MR. EDITOR: Do not think that because I am writing you this letter I think any more of you than I do of most of the other good people around Durham and neighborhood, for indeed I don't think so much of you, but anyway you will please publish this letter, that is if you can read it for the ship is pitching and tossing at a terrible rate and for the life of me I can neither sit steady nor hold the pen steady.

Well, after leaving Durham we went, as most of you know, to Toronto where we stayed three weeks, thence to Hamilton, staying there two days, thence to Niagara Falls, staying at the Falls three days. We then finally took our departure from good old Canada (yes, I say good old Canada, for after visiting so many other countries as we have since done and seeing the difference of the different people I feel bound to look back and say after all "well good old Canada" with all your cold winters your people's hearts are warm"), and going direct to New York, where we stayed just one week, we embarked on the great Ocean Liner "Celtic" of the White Star Line. She is 20,900 tons and about the fifth largest afloat, so big and so long indeed that on a rough sea, which we had, she runs smooth and easy, and therefore sea sickness on her is almost unknown. But we do not realize how little and small we are until we finally arrive at Liverpool where the great ocean monarch (and since breaker of the world's records) the "Lusitania" is lying at anchor ready for her maiden voyage across to New York.

Now we leave both the Celtic and the Lusitania in the Liverpool harbor and take train for London where we stay but two days and we make for the dearest of all dear old lands, Erin's Isle. After viewing the Dublin Exhibition, which by the way should be called the Canadian Exhibition, the only one exhibit that stands out head and shoulders above everything else is the Canadian exhibit. No wonder people are enticed out to that frozen North West of yours. Well, after spending as happy a time in poor old Ireland for four weeks as we did in Glenelg for four months, we again set sail for London going via Calais to Paris. Three days satisfied us in Paris although without doubt it is a grand city, the cleanest and prettiest we have yet seen. Now I won't ask you to follow us all over the continent but just imagine yourself with us in Rome-ancient and historical Rome-here are sights to be seen. If some of you Americans would just come over and have one look at Rome you would never again boast of your buildings. Here stand some of the great works of Julius Caesar, erected over 2000 years ago and seemingly bidding defiance to time. Saint Peter's, with its 11,000 rooms, is alone a world of wonders in itself. Without doubt Rome possesses the finest buildings in the world and I verily believe the dirtiest people. Oh, Mr. Editor, I have too much respect for your paper to ask you to publish the sights that are to be seen in the main streets of Rome. Good-bye dirty Rome, now we are in Pompei, which is being gradually unearthed after being buried beneath Vesuvius for 1000 years. Here, indeed, is the field for the historian. Here are to be seen the buildings, the works of art, and the manners and customs of the people as they existed from about 100 years B. C. to 400 years A. D. Here are to be seen the bodies most wonderfully preserved of animals and men and women just as they perished from the sulphur and the molten lava of this fearful looking mountain. Mr. Editor, I could write for four hours and would not fully describe this one place, but the waves are getting bigger and the ship is rolling more and my hand is getting less steady and I must go up on deck or I will be sea sick. So once more a fond farewell to one and all the good people of Durham and neighborhood, with the sincere wish that both myself, wife and little Nellie may again visit the Canadian shore.

Yours very sincerely, JAMES BOLGER. P. S.-Since embarking at Naples we buried a man at sea and another man jumped overboard to end his troubles, but after a great struggle was rescued. J. B.

CARD OF THANKS. TO THE ELECTORS OF DURHAM. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,-I desire to thank you sincerely for the support you gave me in the recent election, by which you decided to re-elect me to the position of the Reeveship. I trust that my experience during the past year will be sufficient apprenticeship to ensure better services during the coming year than I was able to give in the past. Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am yours, etc., S. P. SAUNDERS.

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