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SANCTUM EIGHTINGS

Today is Thursday, the 30th day of the month, and the last day upon which medicinal liquors will be dispensed in Durham, at least, for a time. Tomorrow, will be heard in Toronto the case in the case of McGrath vs. Ham, in the effort to quash the local option by-law.

Through this paper's columns were to both sides in the recent campaign, editorially it championed the cause of neither party, and all matter relating to the merits or demerits of liquor traffic was accepted on a strictly advertising basis. Even in the most heated of the opposing sides, and though the opposing sides were advised on more than one occasion to carry on their campaign in a business and un-heated

FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE LAWSON FAMILY



Mrs. W. Edge daughter. The late Mr. Lawson. Mrs. J. A. Graham grand-daughter. Annie G. Graham, great-grand-daughter.

manner, the result has been the cause of ruption in many quarters.

To the strict local-optionist, the liquor traffic is the greatest curse ever thrust upon any country. To the liquor-man, local option presents itself in much the same light. It therefore remains with the man who is moderate in his views, as in everything else, who can take up the question from both sides of the fence, to successfully determine the merits of either party.

It is a fact that a man has a right to his own opinion, be it good or bad, and in the casting of a ballot he is his own master. At the same time he should be open to conviction, and though a business be ever so bad it must surely have its good points somewhere. Under the present Liquor License Act, a hotel keeper is bound by law to furnish accommodation to each and every traveller, who at any hour presents himself at his door and asks for it, providing he has the amount sufficient in King's currency to pay for the service. Under local option, the hostelry is turned into what, to all intents and purposes, is a private house. The proprietor, then, can furnish accommodation to whom he pleases, and if some weary traveler happens along he is entirely within his rights in refusing to grant him admittance. The hotel man is at liberty, if he feel so disposed, to single out at his dining room door those whom he cares not to supply with a meal, and may say to Jones, his friend, that there is lots of room inside, and two seconds after, give Smith the same answer, adding to it—"but not for you,—get out."

For many years Durham has been noted for its superior hotel accommodation, and to the traveling public the service is rated among the best north of Toronto. Whether or not this reputation is to continue under local option remains to be seen. It is definitely settled that the Middaugh House will close its doors, as Mr. Michlhausen has decided not to renew his lease, and so far, we have heard nothing as to his successor, if any. With all, optionist or anti-optionist, Joe has earned the reputation of conducting a first-class house, and his removal will cause a vacancy that will not be filled in a day. It remains, therefore, with the temperance element, who are responsible for the change, to see that the house is at once re-tenanted by a first-class man who will see to it that Durham's enviable reputation regarding hotel accommodation is not marred in any way by the change from wet to dry.

To people who know, adequate accommodation for the traveling public is a matter of vital importance to a town, and one that should be looked after carefully; and from what we glean from conversations with people of local option principles, we are giving publicity to private opinion that the downfall of all temperance movements has been largely the fault of the societies themselves in lying back on their oars and being satisfied with the mere fact that the liquor interests have been vanquished.

Hotelkeepers themselves acknowledge that the greatest curse with which they have to contend is the down-and-out boozier, and nine times out of ten he is no good to them or anybody else from a monetary point of view. To such people alone is due the great temperance waves that sweep the country, and though liquor is a hard master, it is questionable if a half-hearted local option campaign, one that dies when the ballots are cast, is going to do much good to them or anyone else.

So, South Grey Temperance Society, it's up to you to see that the hosteleries in this place are kept up to standard. You put up a brave fight and won. The hardest part of your work is still to come, and if you lie down and let the mere fact of your winning be your highest goal, the movement is not a success. Be up and doing, and don't be dependant on the people you have downed to make your movement a

success. You'll have to get into the game yourself, and if the vanquished are not willing to supply the accommodation, you want to be in a position of independence and force them, through the superiority of your own hotel, to follow suit or go out of business. If a good, first-class hotel can be run without a bar, local option should be a success, providing, of course, the rate is not too high. If the hotel cannot be run without a bar, and the traveling public deprived of good accommodation, you may rest assured that that same public, who spend nine-tenths of their lives boarding out, will, right or wrong, cry out for old conditions, when they at least could get a good meal at a moderate expense to themselves. And they'll get them, too.

Town Council.

The town council met in special session on Tuesday night for the transaction of general business. The first thing dealt with was the amory site, which has been on the boards before.

A communication was read from Colonel Rorke, Thornbury, stating that the Government had selected the Garafraza street site in preference to the Brown site, and asking that the town immediately have the deed of the property made out to the Crown.

The question was discussed at considerable length, and though the Mayor stated he thought the Board should be unanimous, now that the Government's proposition was before them, all the members of the council did not seem to be of the same opinion.

Councillors Saunders and Kinnee thought the least the Mayor could have done when he knew the Government's representative was coming, would have been to notify the members of the Property Committee instead of himself alone accompanying Lieut.-Colonel Galloway to represent the council. Though the Mayor assured the council that he had done nothing to influence, in any way, the Government inspector, he was not able to entirely allay the suspicions that he had. The matter was laid over, and will probably be brought up at the regular meeting on Monday next.

The insurance on the Oxford Cream Separator Company's property was next discussed, but the insurance companies have as yet done nothing to adjust the matter. It will be argued out on Monday what action the town will take in the matter of recovering their insurance.

Estimates on the cost of the new Garafraza street bridge were received from the Engineer, and were laid before the council, but will be taken up at the next meeting. Tenders will be asked for the building of the bridge, approaches and retaining walls as a whole or in part.

HOME VS. FOREIGN LABOR.

My attention has recently been directed to the fact that right here in Ontario foreigners have the preference in labor circles. Take for example the ballasting operations now going forward on the new branch of the C.P.R. running through this district. We know several men who applied for work and were refused on the ground that they were filled up, and not with the bone and muscle of our own country either, but with foreigners, viz., Austrians and Italians. We are informed by good authority that a week ago Monday there were 119 laborers employed on the work, and out of that number only two were English speaking, not including the cable gang who are all English speaking, making a total of eight or ten men. Where is home labor coming in? They may go elsewhere and seek to earn their living, while the foreign element get what the Canadian should have by every right. Canada for Canadians, is preached, but is it practised? No, not by any means.

We would like to have the opinion of others, including parliament members, on this subject, as it means something of interest to Canadians in general. Respectfully yours, AN OBSERVER.

MANITOBA TO BECOME "DRY"

Winnipeg, Man., April 26—Next week will see the putting into force of many of the drastic restrictions on the liquor traffic assented to at the last session of the Manitoba Legislature. Principal among these is the clause that, starting from May 1, no liquor shall be sold to private persons in districts already under local option, nor shall such persons keep or use liquor in their houses, under severe penalties.

Notice has already been served by local brewers and wine merchants that after the end of this month they can no longer deliver liquor to their patrons in the municipality of Kildonon, which is just outside the city limits, and is under local option. Quite a number of country houses in that district will be affected, and the strict enforcement of this provision is likely to lead to a petition for the district immediately bordering on Winnipeg for incorporation within the city boundaries.

Another provision going into effect May 1 is that all bartenders must be licensed, as none but licensed men and hotel proprietors themselves will be permitted to dispense liquor refreshment. Over two hundred applications for licenses have already been put in.

STRENUOUS CAMPAIGN.

But the real fight for a "dry" or "wet" Manitoba is only beginning, and the first great campaign will be fought at the municipal elections next Monday. Several Manitoba municipalities are under local option law, having been established under, and notwithstanding two-thirds majority required under the old legislation. Now, however, that under the new Act but a bare majority of the vote cast is required, there is every indication that the great majority of the ninety municipalities where local option is to be put to the vote next December will join the ranks of the "dry" brigade.

The most considerable municipality involved is the city of Portage la Prairie, with a population of not far short of 10,000, and a number of wholesale and retail licenses besides a brewery. Here the Dominion Alliance, representing the prohibition movement, will concentrate its efforts with a view to the capture of what hitherto has been regarded as a strong hold of the liquor interests in this Province.

A DRY MANITOBA.

Headquarters have already been opened, and the general campaign for all the ninety municipalities affected will be conducted from there. But most of all, the local optionists desire to capture the third city in the Province. With a bare qualifying majority they have no fears about carrying the rural municipalities, but if they can win in Portage la Prairie this December, they will next year concentrate their efforts on the bigger city of Brandon. Thus in a little over two years they expect to have mapped out a "dry" Manitoba, with the single oasis of Winnipeg, and they expect then to be able to put up such a fight as to drive the liquor business entirely out of the Province, so that 1911 will see not a saloon doing business, nor a keg of beer surreptitiously on tap anywhere within the Province.

LIQUOR INTERESTS PREPARING.

This programme, of course, anticipates a possible revision at the hands of the liquor interests, who are now fully alive to the threat to the "trade," and are organizing all over the Province. Besides the big brewing and importing interests of the Province, for the most part centered in Winnipeg the liquor men have millions invested in hotels and saloons throughout the Province, and do not intend to let their livelihood go without a struggle. As it is, the liquor legislation passed at the last session is certainly the most drastic in force north of the international boundary, and the Western Canadian Province, as well as sister Provinces to the East, will follow the impending struggle with interest.

CHAPMAN—MACKAY.

A quiet wedding took place last evening at the residence of the Rev. S. C. Graeb, of the North Parkdale Presbyterian church, when Miss Bessie MacKay, of Durham, Ont., was married to Mr. Wiley Chapman, (late of Syracuse, N. Y.) The bride wore blue silk trimmed with pearls, and Irish lace, was attended by her sister, Miss Marie MacKay, who wore cream silk muslin. Mr. Alex. Fotheringham was best man. After the ceremony a wedding supper was given by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Robinson, 42 Lynd avenue, to which place a few intimate friends and relatives adjourned. The bride and groom left for their honeymoon at 10 p. m., and will reside at their new home on Lynd avenue on their return—Toronto News.

BORN.

BEHNECKE—In Locust Valley, L. I., on April 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Behnecke, a daughter. SCOTT—At Fielding, Sask., on April 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Scott, a son.

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Prominent among these are A. Yeagher, of Simcoe, Hon. Robert Beith, Bowmanville; Dr. E. Jones, Brampton; and C. W. Woolly, Simcoe. The complete success of the fourteenth renewal of the Canadian Horse Show is assured.

PRESENTATION AND ADDRESS

On Thursday evening last, the members of the choir of the Presbyterian church gathered at the home of Mr. J. P. Telford, upper town, for the purpose of honoring Mr. J. C. Telford, late manager of the Sovereign Bank, on the eve of his departure from this place. A most enjoyable evening was spent in song and discourse. The following address was read by Dr. J. F. Grant, the presentation being made by Miss B. McKenzie.—To Mr. J. C. TELFORD. Before you go away, the members

of the choir take the liberty of telling you a little of their sentiments regarding you. We do not need to speak of your rich and cultured voice, or of your knowledge of music, for these are gifts apparent to all, and thus more fully appreciated by those who are competent to judge. What we want to tell you to-night, is that your enthusiasm in the subject of music has been a stimulus to us, while your un-failing courtesy and your readiness to oblige has begotten in us a feeling of admiration and respect which we shall always delight to cherish. We are exceedingly grateful to you for your many acts of kindness, and still more for the spirit that prompted them, and should any turn in fortune's wheel give you an abiding place in our town, we shall have fresh cause for gratitude in the lively sense of coming favors.

We are not going to attempt to pay you for your services since the qualities we most admire are such as cannot be gotten for gold and silver, but we hope you will accept this hymn book as a pledge, that though absent you are not forgotten. We trust that you may be long spared to brighten life's pathway by the seraphine gift, and that by slow degrees and more and more, you may resolve every discord in life in full and perfect harmony. Signed on behalf of the choir, this 23rd day of April, 1908.

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