

MR. RAMAGE'S REPLY

We are pleased to give our readers Mr. Ramage's denial of statements made, and we have no doubt, believed by some, regarding his trip to Scotland in the summer of 1910. We may say here that we never did get down to the point where we believed the report to be true. We copied the article in order that he might avail himself of the opportunity of asserting his innocence, or acknowledging his guilt. The letter in this issue, which we give cheerfully, states his case emphatically, and will set at rest the minds of all who thought Mr. Ramage was having a good time at the public expense. We naturally feel knocked out at his closing remarks, which leaves us no room to hope for a two or three months' pleasure trip, unless we foot the bill personally. Our hopes have all faded into the air, and who knows but at the present moment we feel worse than Mr. Ramage does over the defeat of his candidature on Monday last. You might have broken the news more gently, Brother Ramage, but it's your way of doing things, and we'll try and forgive you. But let us have a drink.

FLESHERTON.

The Women's Institute fowl supper given last week was fairly well patronized, the proceeds being nearly \$36, and the function proved an enjoyable one. After an excellent supper, served in the basement of the Methodist church, adjournment was made to the assembly room in the High school, where various games were engaged in and a pleasing program was rendered consisting of a piano solo each by Misses Lillian Bunt, Reta Buskin, Maud Boyd and Gladys Cornfield, the two latter also giving a piano duet, readings by Miss Walker and Miss Ella Karstedt, trio by Miss Zilla Trimble, Miss Maud Richardson, and Mrs. Blackburn; duet by Miss Walker and Miss McComb; duet by Mrs. Bunt and Mrs. R.H. Moore, and duet by Messrs. MacCall and Holland. Mr. Geo. Mitchell presided.

At the monthly meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid last week officers were elected for 1912 as follows: Hon. Pres., Mrs. A. S. VanDusen; Pres., Mrs. D. McTavish; 1st Vice, Mrs. M. Thistlewaite; 2nd Vice, Mrs. H.C. LeGard; Sec. Treas., Mrs. J. Blackburn; Asst. Sec., Mrs. H. Wood. The society has 28 members, and is in a prosperous condition. The ladies are holding a bazaar this week, and hope for success.

Mr. Allie Best met with a bad accident soon after commencing work at W.A. Armstrong's shingle mill last week. His left hand coming in contact with the saw, the fourth finger was completely severed at the knuckle, and the index finger was badly lacerated, but Dr. Carter, who dressed the wounds, hopes to save the finger. Word has been received here from Great Falls, Mont., of the very serious illness of Mr. Fred Strain, youngest son of the late Mr. William Strain, of this place, who is a victim of Bright's disease, which has so affected his system as to produce blindness. Fred, who is a promising young lawyer, was practising in California, from where his brothers had him removed to the hospital at Great Falls.

Rev. H.E. and Mrs. Wellwood, entertained the Methodist choir at the parsonage on Friday evening last, and an enjoyable time was spent.

Mr. F.C. Hartwell, of Bothwell's Corners, who leased the Park House and arrived last week with his effects, is waiting to take possession as soon as Mr. Thompson vacates.

Mr. Wesley Buskin is moving into his new residence this week.

Rev. Mr. Williamson, of Corbeaton, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Wellwood, and conducted missionary services in the Methodist church on Saturday. In the Presbyterian church the quarterly communion service was held. In both churches the Sunday schools are now preparing for their anniversary entertainments, the latter on Christmas, and the former on New Year's.

Miss Bella Loucks has gone to Tara to take a position in Hill & Co's store.

Mr. Ed. Chard, of Owen Sound, spent Monday with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowler visited the former's home at Dundalk over Sunday.

Mr. Will Bentham, of West Toronto, spent a few days here last week, a visitor at Mr. W. P. Crossley's.

Mr. Thos. Fisher, our town barber, has been very ill the past week with la grippe, and others have it in milder form.

The late Mr. Alex. Muir, Reeve of Artemesia, was a member of the L. O. F. Order, and Court Flesherton No. 995 by resolution instructed the secretary to convey condolence to the bereaved widow and children in their great loss.

Mr and Mrs. Will Moore visited Durham and Normanby over Sunday

MANY NEW FACES IN LEGISLATURE

Result of the General Election Held in Ontario on Monday

GOVERNMENT RETURNED

The Opposition, However, Made Gains Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., Elected in North Oxford

The general elections in Ontario on Monday resulted in reducing Sir James Whitney's majority of 69 in the late Legislature to 60, the Liberals making eleven gains, which were offset to some extent, however, by seven losses. The following summaries explain fully the various changes:—

Liberal Gains, 11.

- Centre Bruce. Glengarry. East Kent. East Middlesex. Monck. North Norfolk. South Ontario. Prescott. Sturgeon Falls. East Wellington. North Wentworth. Conservative Gains, 7. East Ottawa. South Perth. North Renfrew (acclamation). East Simcoe. Stormont. West Wellington. South Wentworth.

In New House

- Conservatives 83 Liberals 22 Labor 1

Conservative majority 60

In Last House

- Conservatives 87 Liberals 18 Labor 1

Conservative majority 68

Old Members Defeated

Liberals

- West Wellington—James McEwing. South Wentworth—Daniel Reed. South Perth—Valentin Stock.

Conservatives

- South Ontario—Charles Calder. Monck—James A. Ross. Sturgeon Falls—A. A. Aubinn. East Middlesex—George Neely. East Kent—P. H. Bowyer. East Wellington—Col. Craig.

New Members

Conservatives

- W. D. Black—Addington. J. W. Westbrook—North Brant. C. W. Jarvis—Fort William. A. M. Rankin—Frontenac. Sandy Grant—East Hastings. Robert Cook—North Hastings. Dr. A. E. Ross—Kingston. N. Champagne—East Ottawa. J. Bennewiss—South Perth. E. A. Peck—West Peterborough. Don. Hogarth—Port Arthur. E. A. Dunlop—North Renfrew. J. J. Hart—East Simcoe. J. C. Mulligan—Stormont. C. McCrea—Sudbury. E. W. J. Owens—South Toronto. Dr. Vrooman—West Victoria. Col. Schofield—South Wellington. W. C. Chambers—West Wellington. J. T. Regan—South Wentworth.

Liberals

- W. McDonald—Centre Bruce. H. Munro—Glengarry. Chris. Kohler—Haldimand. C. Ferguson—East Kent. R. Sutherland—East Middlesex. Thos. Marshall—Monck. Col. Atkinson—North Norfolk. W. E. Sinclair—South Ontario. N. W. Rowell—North Oxford. G. Evanturel—Prescott. J. Mageau—Sturgeon Falls. Udney Richardson—E. Wellington. Dr. McQueen—North Wentworth.

The following is the vote by ridings:—

Conservatives

- Addington—W. D. Black, Accl.; last election, Accl. Algoma—Albert Grigg, 527; last election, Accl. Brant, North—John W. Westbrook, 190; last election, 317. Brant, South—W. S. Brewster, 670; last election, 199. Brockville—A. E. Donovan, 600; last election, 511. Carleton—R. H. McElroy, 600; last election, 531. Dufferin—C. R. McKeown, 200; last election, 42. Dundas—Sir James Whitney, 1,114; last election, 914. Durham, East—J. J. Preston, Accl.; last election, Accl. Durham, West—J. H. Devitt, 236; last election, 64. Elgin, East—Charles A. Brower, 500; last election, 497. Elgin, West—F. G. McDiarmid, 1,250; last election, 609. Essex, North—Hon. J. O. Reaume, 97; last election, 1,230. Essex, South—Dr. Charles A. Anderson, 20; last election, 78. Fort William—C. W. Jarvis, 100; last election, 477. Frontenac—Anthony Rankin, 950; last election, 181. Grenville—G. Howard Ferguson, Accl.; last election, 23. Grey, Centre—Hon. I. B. Lucas, 1,220; last election, 1,915. Grey, South—Dr. David Jamieson, 340; last election, 251. Halton—Dr. A. W. Nixon, 225; last election, 351. Hamilton, West—Hon. J. S. Hendrie, 1,800; last election, 1,558. Hastings, East—S. Grant, Accl.; last election, 838.

Hastings, North—J. R. Cooke, Accl.; last election, 1,049.

- Hastings, West—J. W. Johnson, Accl.; last election, 173. Huron, North—A. H. Musgrove, 240; last election, 171. Huron, South—Henry Ellber, 470; last election, 353. Kenora—H. C. Machin, 200; last election, 231. Kent, West—George W. Sulman, 910; last election, 441. Kingston—Dr. A. E. Ross, Accl.; last election, 393. Lambton, West—Hon. W. J. Hanna, 1,000; last election, 628. Lanark, North—R. F. Preston, Accl.; last election, 471. Lanark, South—Hon. A. J. Matheson, Accl.; last election, Accl. Leeds—John R. Dargavel, 200; last election, 189. Lennox—T. G. Carscallan, 78; last election, 17. Lincoln—Dr. Elisha Jessop, Accl.; last election, 1,112. London—Hon. Adam Beck, Accl.; last election, 1,403. Manitoulin—R. R. Gamey, 700; last election, 709. Middlesex, North—Duncan McArthur, 60; last election, 120. Muskoka—A. A. Mahaffy, 900; last election, 35. Nipissing—Henry Morel, 500; last election, 509. Norfolk, South—A. C. Pratt, 359; last election, 117. Northumberland, East—S. G. M. Nesbitt, 700; last election, 578. Ontario, North—W. H. Hoyle, 650; last election, 451. Ottawa, East—Napoleon Champagne, 1,900; last election, 1,466. Ottawa, West—James A. Ellis, 2,000; last election, 880. Parry Sound—John Galna, 600; last election, 1,263. Peel—Samuel Charters, 700; last election, 498. Perth, North—James Torrance, 400; last election, 266. Perth, South—John Bennewiss, 180; last election (Lib), 85. Peterborough, East—James Thompson, 325; last election, 721. Peterborough, West—E. A. Peck, 700; last election, 428. Port Arthur—Don Hogarth, 350; last election, 380. Prince Edward—R. A. Norman, 400; last election, 132. Rainy River—W. A. Preston, 150; last election, 170. Renfrew, North—E. A. Dunlop, Accl.; last election (Lib), 198. Renfrew, South—T. W. McGarry, Accl.; last election, 239. Sault Ste. Marie—Hon. W. H. Hearst, Accl.; last election, 241. Simcoe, Centre—A. B. Thompson, 97; last election, 364. Simcoe, East—John I. Hart, 350; last election (Lib), 180. Simcoe, South—Alexander Ferguson, Accl.; last election, Accl. Simcoe, West—Hon. James S. Duff, Accl.; last election, 904. Stormont—J. C. Milligan, 350; last election (Lib), 8. Sudbury—Charles McCrea, 1,500; last election, 604. Temiskaming—R. T. Shillington, 250; last election, 549. Toronto, East, "A"—Hon. R. A. Pyne, 2,321; last election, 3,390. Toronto, East, "B"—T. R. Whiteside, 1,712; last election, 290. Toronto, North, "A"—W. K. McNaught, 3,825; last election, 6,245. Toronto, North, "B"—Hon. J. J. Foy, 510; last election, 632. Toronto, South, "A"—E. W. J. Owens, 1,554; last election, 3,729. Toronto, South, "B"—George H. Gooderham, 1809; last election, 2,849. Toronto, West, "A"—Hon. Thomas Crawford, 3,537; last election, 4,313. Toronto, West, "B"—W. D. McPherson, 3,224; last election, 1,945. Victoria, East—R. A. Mason, Accl.; last election, Accl. Victoria, West—Dr. A. E. Vrooman, 85; last election, 98. Waterloo, North—Dr. H. G. Lackner, 200; last election, 332. Waterloo, South—Geo. Pattinson, 700; last election, 1,000. Welland—Evan E. Fraser, 650; last election, 866. Wellington, South—H. C. Schofield, 700; last election, 399. Wellington, West—W. C. Chambers, 225; last election (Lib), 35. Wentworth, South—J. T. Regan, 200; last election (Lib), 219. York, East—A. McCowan, 550; last election, 722. York, North—T. Herbert Lennox, 800; last election, 432. York, West—Dr. Forbes Godfrey, 1,278; last election, 1,452.

Liberals

- Bruce, Centre—William McDonald, 98; last election (Con), 856. Bruce, North—Charles M. Bowman, 135; last election, 337. Bruce, South—J. G. Anderson, 800; last election, 96. Glengarry—Hugh Munro, 300; last election (Con), 251. Grey, North—Hon. A. G. MacKay, 550; last election, 71. Haldimand—Christopher Kohler, 450; last election, 347. Huron, Centre—William Proudfoot, 150; last election, 166. Kent, East—Walter R. Ferguson, 220; last election (Con), 82. Lambton, East—R. J. McCormick, 150; last election, 235. Middlesex, East—Robert Sutherland, 200; last election (Con), 539. Middlesex, West—J. C. Elliott, 400; last election, 606. Monck—Thomas Marshall, 230; last election (Con), 35. Norfolk, North—T. R. Atkinson, 300; last election (Con), 73. Northumberland, West—Samuel Clarke, 250; last election, 205. Ontario, South—W. E. N. Sinclair, 200; last election (Con), 304. Oxford, North—Newton W. Rowell, 558; last election, 432. Oxford, South—T. R. Mayberry, 150; last election, 44. Prescott—Gustave Evanturel, 250; last election (Con), 4. Russell—Dumase Racine, 1,800; last election, 785. Sturgeon Falls—Z. Mageau, 100; last election (Con), 106. Wellington, East—Udney Richardson, 296; last election (Con), 219. Wentworth, North—Dr. James McQueen, 25; last election (Con), 119. Labor Hamilton—Alan Studholme, 500; last election, 78.

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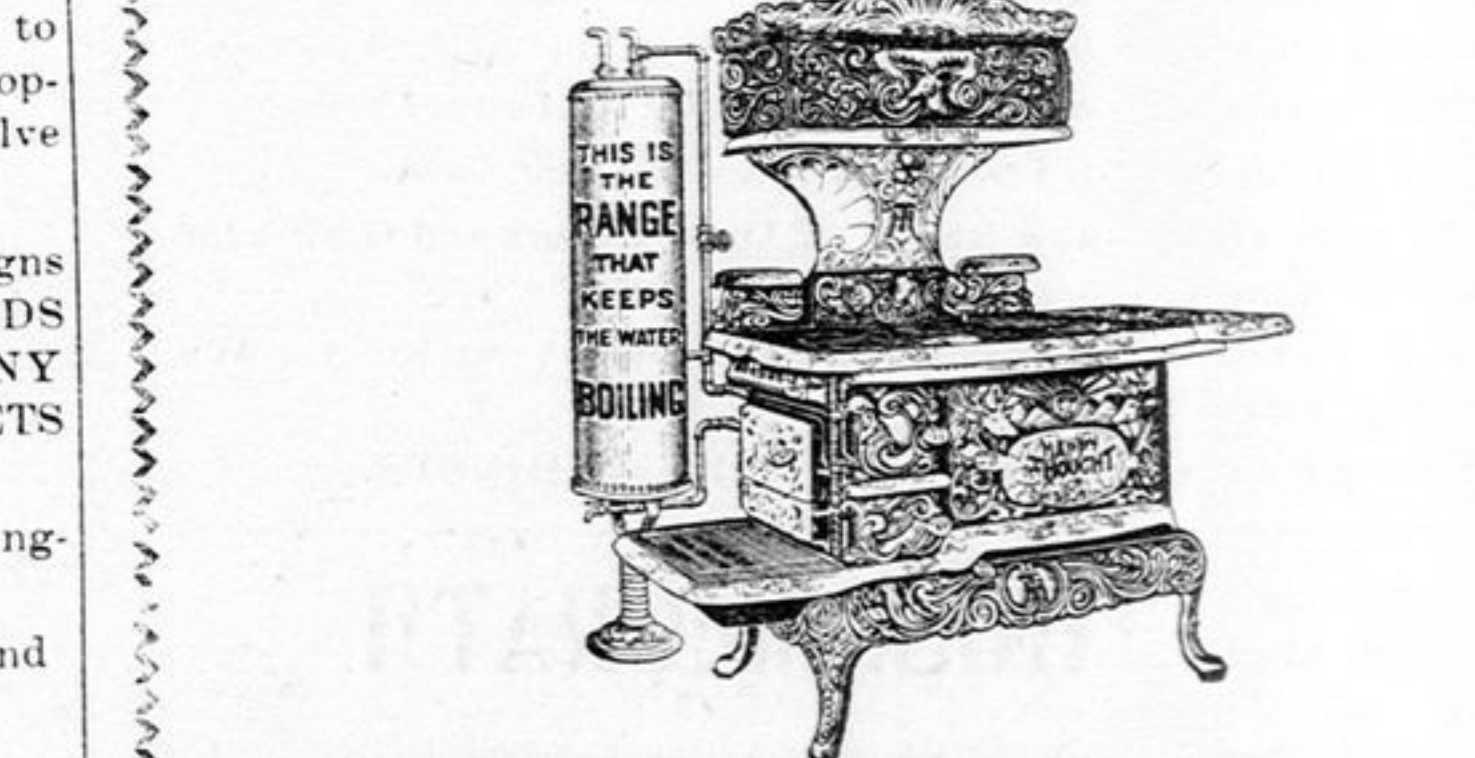
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WHAT THE CENSUS

Durham Prosperous Local Option

One of the stock-in-trade items used by those who posed to Local Option is licensed bar is essential to the town's prosperity. We have that statement reiterated without number, until, by frequency, some might believe there was some

That this statement is but in fact the very of the truth is amply shown by the census returns under license and der local option.

Take for example those towns that have been under license for years. Surely it would make a town prosperous, but what a steady decrease in from what they were ago. Note the fact that all have the same story declining population.

Here is the list.

Table with 2 columns: Town, Pop'n 10 yrs. ago, Pop'n present. Rows include Mt. Forest, Walkerton, Harrison, Kircardine, Palmerston, Chatsworth.

A great many towns might be taken to show a similar decline, but space forbids us to state or claim towns to be similar as here; and there we have increased, but the exceptions which in no way rule, but rather that their increase is a site of the paralyzed liquor traffic, rat to it.

Turn now to Local Option In this connection it to take those places been at least a couple from the deaden of the bar. It takes a length of time to show moral and material which they have sun of the sale of intoxic as a beverage. We three in our immedi