

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

Glenelg's Former Reeve Honored

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BOTTLE DRINKING RECORDS and Other Matters.

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A remarkable characteristic of the present campaign is the zeal displayed by the liquor men for the welfare of the boys. The fear they express is that under Local Option young lads will early become slaves of the drink habit through carrying bottles of liquor. Congregating in groups with the liquor in their own hands there is no protection such as the regulations for selling over the bar afford, and the results of such drinking are being pictured in the darkest colors. The cure proposed is to open regular places for selling drink and under the management of duly licensed bar tenders the evil of boys drinking, we are assured, will be at least much lessened.

SAVE THE BOY

While we heartily rejoice at every indication of interest in the welfare of the boys, the question comes as to the effectiveness of the cure proposed. Will the opening of licensed bars stop the carrying of bottles or the supplying of drink to minors? One thing is certain, it has not stopped it in Hanover. You will find from the records of Inspector Davis that in that town since the 1st of May last there were three convictions for supplying drink to boys and as many for supplying it to those on the prohibited list. None of those convicted for their offences during that time were licensed sellers so that in that town, notwithstanding its licensed bars there were at least six offences through carrying drink in bottles and distributing amongst boys and drunkards in yards and places supposed to be used for other purposes. Evidently bars do not abolish bottle carrying in Hanover and do not protect the boys. What then about Durham? We would expect that according to the theory that local option produces bottle carrying, that there would be found to be an excess of such offences in Durham. But the facts are just the opposite. The Inspector has not during the same period the record of a single conviction for either of these offences in the town. We have not before us the records of the police court in either town—we know some lads in Durham were convicted for being drunk and disorderly, how many of a similar class there were in Hanover we are not prepared to say. All the convictions so far as Durham is concerned on the Inspector's record are two for keeping liquor for sale and over against these are two in Hanover for offences committed by hotel keepers against the license act. It would be rash to assert that there were no offences against the act in either town other than those recorded, but it would be still more reckless in the face of the record, to claim that the licensed bar either lessens bottle carrying or saves the boys.

ABOLISH THE BAR

Is there the shadow of a reason for saying that licensing bar rooms in any way lessens drunkenness? The other day Mr Justice Riddell in sentencing a prisoner for causing his wife's death while under the influence of liquor, after reciting the sad facts said: "Such cases as yours might almost cause those who see no harm in the sale and use of intoxicating liquor to be willing to be themselves deprived of what they consider a legitimate pleasure derived from the use of these liquors in moderation, if only the use—which becomes the abuse—might be forbidden those who cannot—or will not—use them without excess." What Mr Justice Riddell asks is not the licensing of bars to cure the evil but "the giving up of the legitimate pleasure derived from the use of these liquors in moderation" for the sake of those who "cannot use them without excess." Does any sane man imagine that such men can be helped at any less cost than that of abolishing the bar.

A VOTER CONVINCED

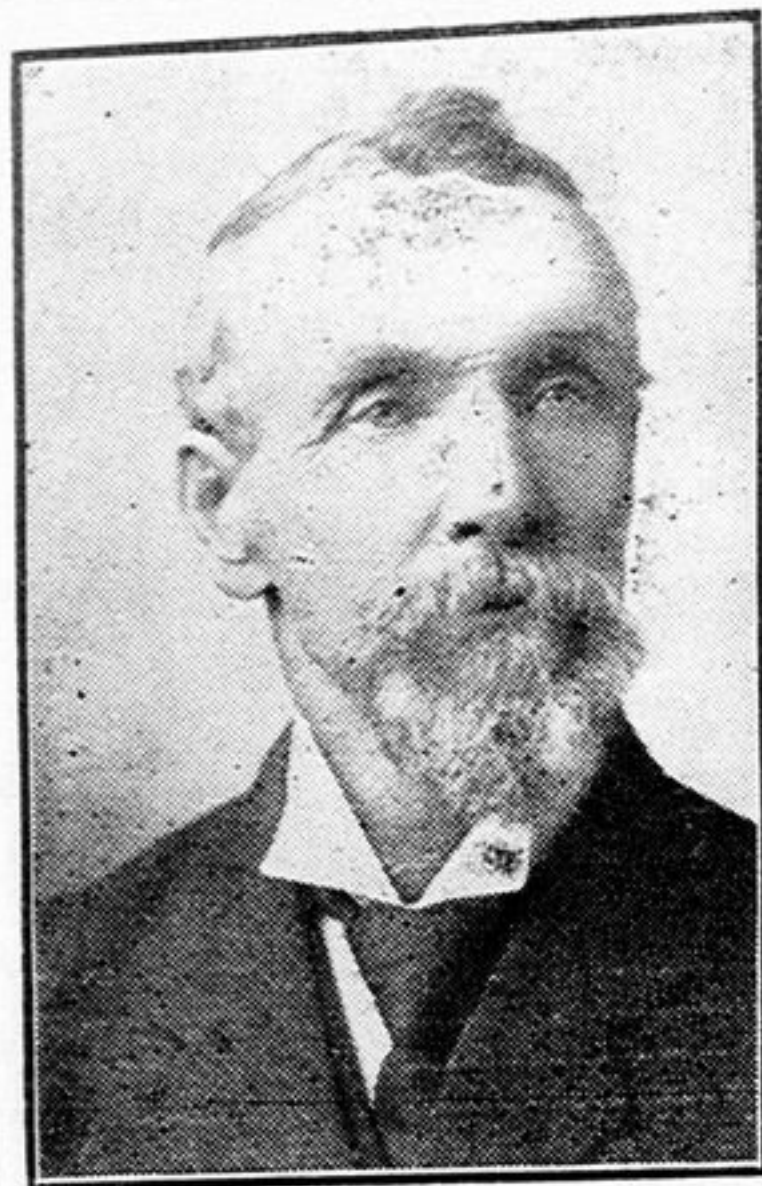
Some months ago, when it was reported that there was likely to be a contest on the local option by-law a voter in this town said to himself "I don't believe I shall vote for local option this time. I hear so many stories of places where drink is sold, of people carrying it in bottles and of boys drinking that I am about tired of it." With gloomy thoughts such as these he casually dropped into a neighbor's house when the question of local option came up for discussion. Quickly the neighbor woman turned to him with the plea, "I wish you would do something to keep local option in force. Our family is very comfortable just now—I do not care to tell how we lived before." That woman's look and her appeal took such a grip that he said to himself "That one case is worth all our effort—I shall vote for local option."

A ROORBACK

You have no doubt heard of a roorback. It is a falsehood published for political intrigue. It got its name from a forged document published in 1814 against Jas K Polk a presidential candidate, purporting to be an extract from "The Travels of Baron Roorbach." Up to the last hour there may be roorbacks issued entirely false impressions and giving an entirely false impression of the case. Nothing is too absurd, nothing too mean to appear as a last message from the liquor interests in such a case as this. Be on your guard against "caudid statements" or "pieces for the boy" that may be handed out at the last hour. If any such reach you send them without display to some temperance worker. If the statements are true, no one can destroy their force, if they are false it is in your interest and in the interests of the town that the falsehoods be exposed. When the real state of the case is grasped by our citizens we have no doubt but there will be a response such as will give petitions for repeal a long, long rest so far as Durham is concerned. Vote for local option.

Address and Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McFadden.

As Mr and Mrs Thos. McFadden are retiring from the more active duties of farm life, their friends and neighbors to the number of about seven, five assembled at their cosy home in Glenelg on Friday evening Dec 15, and proceeded to take possession of the whole pleasant conversation while time flew swiftly by. The company was then organized and proceeded to the more formal business of the evening. Mr Geo Binnie who was appointed chairman explained the nature of the gathering and called Mr and Mrs McFadden Miss Maggie to the front. The following address to them was read by Mrs John Bell at the proper time by Messrs John Bell, W J McFadden and Miss Sadie Whitmore. The presents were fine upholstery, rocking chairs for Mr and Mrs McFadden and a jardiniere stand for Miss McFadden. Mr McFadden very feelingly replied, disclaiming all merit on their part, and thanking their friends for their kind address and beautiful presents. Their kindness would never be forgotten.



MR. THOS. McFADDEN

A number of brief addresses were given by some of those present, largely of a reminiscent kind. A splendid luncheon was provided by the ladies to which ample justice was done by all. The remainder of the evening, or perhaps, morning, was spent in music, song and games of different kinds. It was pronounced by all a very happy, pleasant, social evening.

To Mr and Mrs Thos McFadden - Dear Friends -

We, your friends and neighbors, have learned that you have decided to retire from active life in our midst at a time when we have enjoyed your company and friendship so long that we fear we may lose that which has long been our privilege. Yours has been a strenuous life. You have seen this country reclaimed from the forest primal to the smiling fields and happy homes of the present. You have seen the transition from the ox-team and the wooden jumper, on a blazed track through the woods to the fine carriages drawn by spanking teams over the good roads of the present. You have seen the change from the little log school house where the teachers, under great difficulties, labored faithfully to impart some knowledge to children who had to work as well as learn, when religious services were held in a little log barn, or under the leafy canopy of the maples by the woods, until to-day preachers, educated and trained for their respective callings. And you Mr McFadden have had your share in all this an expert axe man in the woods, or taking up a corner on a log building; hard to beat in a logging field; could follow the best with the scythe or cradle; yours was no life of luxury and ease.

And as time went on conditions changed, and changed conditions called for new duties, you still rose to every situation, you still was a leader of men. In the municipal field the Township called you to its councils, and for many years you were an honored and faithful member of the Township's Parliament. For a time you occupied the highest position there and conducted the business wisely and well. And in the larger sphere of the County Council you also took an active part. Your intelligence and your cautious and mature judgment brought to bear on the business transacted there, enabled you to perform your duties in a manner that was at once a credit to yourself and an honor to those whom you represented.

In educational matters you also took an active part, striving, with others, to provide a better and broader education for the rising generation than was provided in the earlier days. In Church as well as in State you were ever working towards the moral and Spiritual uplift of the people. In all spheres of activity you were ever energetic, faithful and honest, the last the greatest attribute of all, for "An honest man's the noblest work of God."

Yourself, Mrs McFadden and family were ever ready to meet your friends in private life and mingle with them in social talk and glee. Your house was always open to entertainment where all could join in innocent amusement and pleasant enjoyment. But you not only laughed with those who laugh, you also wept with those who weep. Wherever there was trouble there you were to assist; to alleviate suffering and to extend your sympathy.

We meet you here to-night, as perhaps, we have all done before to spend with you an evening of friendship and pleasure. We desire to express our appreciation of your many good qualities as friends and neighbors. And as tangible evidence of that appreciation we ask you to accept these presents at our hands. We ask you not to value them for their intrinsic worth, but as a token of our esteem and love for you and for the many kindnesses we have received from you, and as a remembrance of the many pleasant memories

of the past. And now in bidding you all good-bye we hope still often to meet you and enjoy that friendship that death alone can end. Wherever you are, but you may enjoy a long life of comfort, happiness, and usefulness is the earnest prayer of your friends.

Signed on behalf of friends and neighbors: John Bell, Mrs Geo Smith, R. L. Lindsay, Mrs A Cutchley, Geo Binnie, Mrs John Bell

CLASSIC CITY CHRONICLES.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS to the Editor, Staff, and every reader of the Chronicle.

Many of our factories have been working overtime for the past three months in order to keep up with the rush of orders for their goods. May the good times continue.

Every Conservative will be happy now. However, it is up to the members of the Dominion and Provincial Houses to make good, or to use a slang phrase, "down comes their apple cart" at the next election. It is palpable that every government is not as bad as its opponents assert, nor as perfect as its friends proclaim. It is well known also that there are dyed-in-the-wool supporters of both parties who would not change their allegiance if their party was as bad as the devil. Nevertheless, there is a considerable number of independent voters (fortunately) to turn the tide when necessary. These latter are the "salt" of politics.

Railroad talk is evidently cheap. For the past two or three years our city council has been granting rights to one will-o'-the-wisp company after another to build electric railways in our city, but we will likely have to foot it for some time to come, or buy an automobile, dog-cart or bicycle.

Rain and slush are responsible for the pretty muddy streets that at present obtain, but we have to take the weather as it comes.

Your scribe, along with many others received an exceedingly acceptable Christmas box in the shape of a very handsome raise of salary for 1912.

Christmas buying goes on apace. The newspapers advise the housewives to "shop early and avoid the rush." It is good advice, nevertheless, it is patent to all that to buy early means to buy often. It pays to advertise.

Hens are the laziest "critters" around the barn these days. They are simply out for a good time just now. Your scribe has 36 as fine hens and pullets as ever sat on a roost, but never an egg have they laid this month. Yet strange to say, there are fresh eggs for sale. Wonder where they come from?

Roast turkeys are likely to be as dear as ever, notwithstanding a report to the contrary which appeared in the London papers last week. It was then stated that this favorite Christmas fowl would be obtainable at the moderate price of 15c a lb, but to-day's market, 16th, settled the matter as far as this burg is concerned, for the prices were as high as ever.

It was welcome news to your scribe to learn of the success of the popular member for South Grey at the recent Provincial elections. The Dr. is deservedly popular with his constituents. May his shadow and majority never grow less.

School will be closed by the time this issue is in the hands of its readers. It would be a good thing if all the boys and girls who are attending school would make a resolution (and keep it) to attend school punctually and regularly every day of the New Year. If pupils knew what a drawback it is to stay home half a day now and again, they would make strenuous efforts to be on hand every day.

The Normal students are enjoying a couple of weeks of well earned rest. They have put in a pretty hard course of study during the past three months. "Attending Normal School" has an attractive and academic sound, but those who go through the mill know that it is no child's play.

Misses Lizzie Aldcorn, of Swinton Park, Katherine Gillespie, of Hopeville, and Mr. Chas. Ramage, jr., of Durham, who are in attendance at the Normal school, left for their respective homes this week for their Christmas holidays. Miss Alma Blakeston, of Stratford, who is attending the same institution, is visiting with friends in Arthemisia and Proton.

A determined effort is being made by the temperance workers in this city to reduce the number of licensed hotels to 10,

15 YEARS A DYSPEPTIC

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Santa Claus has a big contract ahead of him if he has to cart his goods around on wheels this season. It is to be hoped that the old fellow and his reindeers will be favored with good roads so that his little folk will not be missed on Christmas Eve.

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