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IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME

Here we are again. It's Christmas time now. The parliamentary elections are over. The smoke has cleared away and the big guns for office are cooled down and standing behind the kitchen doors...

THE BOY SCOUTS.

By the Provincial Secretary. In most parts of the Country Boy Scouts have now become a familiar sight, but comparatively few people seem to know that there is a meaning underlying their games and organization...

time—when you reflect too late. The what you might have done. The great thing that I see in this scouting for boys is that not one of our Scoutmasters will have to face that—the worst ordeal that can fall to man.

The boy scouts of the Province of Ontario have resolved to try and endow three cots at the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives for the year 1912 by selling Christmas stamps. Let every Scout do his best: let every friend of the Scouts support this worthy object by purchasing the stamps and showing your sympathy with the boys in this their undertaking.

THE METHODIST CHURCH AND LOCAL OPTION.

To the Editor of the Chronicle.—Dear Sir.—My attention has been called to an advertisement in the last issue of the Chronicle on Local Option. The five words quoted are evidently a fragment torn from its connections, and apparently relate to the Local Option law of Manitoba which has been found to be largely impracticable because of its glaring defects, and Methodist and other temperance workers there are seeking to obtain a larger and more stringent prohibitory law.

Consistently and continuously the Methodist Church has been opposed to the legalized traffic in intoxicating drink, has denounced the license system in unmeasured terms, and has strenuously advocated every effective local option and prohibitory law. It is heart and soul throughout this Province in favor of local option, and wherever a contest is being waged to-day, Methodist ministers and people are among those in the very forefront of the battle, and no one knows of this better than the advocates of the traffic.

Yours sincerely, R. WALTER WRIGHT, Methodist Minister. Durham, Dec. 27th, 1911.

CATHOLICS AND LOCAL OPTION

Strong Pronouncement Against the Bar room—Local Option Approved.

In November 1910 there was held in Quebec the Great Plenary Council of the Roman Catholic Church. The official statement of its findings was signed by every prelate in Canada. The following is an extract from the Pastoral letter issued by that body:—

"Few are the vices more prolific in destructiveness than intemperance is. Alcohol is a poison whose awful property is to attack at the same time both soul and body. The gross, insatiable and abnormal appetite that it develops in the senses is one of the most degrading and the most hopeless passions known to men."

"Almost everywhere the civil authorities have given their weighty co-operation and have devoted themselves in a truly Christian spirit to the checking of the plague. It has above all, been realized that the evil should be attacked at its source, namely, that the traffic in intoxicating liquor should be suppressed."

Cardinal Gibbons, the highest in rank of the hierarchy in the Catholic Church in America pronounces emphatically for local option. He says: "I am heartily and absolutely in favor of Local Option."

Rev. Father Minehan, pastor of St. Peter's Church, in Toronto, and one of the best known and most influential clergies in Ontario, in an address delivered in Newmarket advocated Local Option in a most vigorous manner. The following extracts show his attitude to the great question:—

"Ultimately the greatest sufferers from the bar-room are the kith

the family tree which has its roots in the liquor traffic."

In answer to the question. How shall we get rid of the Python of intemperance he says:

"I say unhesitatingly that the best weapon at present available for this purpose is Local Option."

As to the treating system inseparable from the bar he says:

"Of all the senseless customs, that of duelling not excepted, which ever held mankind in slavery, the most destructive has been the 'treating system.'"

He closed his address with the eloquent plea:

"God bless Local Option. I say. Its object is to do away with the most potent agency earth ever saw for the undoing of the Saviour's work."

Surely a measure that is advocated not only by every Protestant denomination in the Dominion but also by the Roman Catholic Church is well worthy of the support of every elector, both Catholic and Protestant. Do not fail to be at the poll on January 1st to mark your ballot for Local Option.

CAUGHT ON THE HIP

(Advertisement.)

Open confession is good for the soul and it was this remedy likely that Mrs. Katherine Lent Stevenson, of Boston, Mass., was trying when she declared outright at the Ecumenical Conference in Toronto that local option has failed to live up to the expectations of its advocates. Mrs. Stevenson, who is an interesting figure at the Conference because of her world-wide experience in the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, is President of the Massachusetts W.C.T.U., and is one of the committee of the world's W.C.T.U. Consequently her statements should have no little weight in local option circles, for when she casts doubts on the success of the measure, she does so because she realizes in her innermost heart that the measure is a failure, and not being a hypocrite, she is not afraid to speak.

In answer to a question as to how the work was progressing in her State, she replied that the W.C.T.U. were not satisfied with the local option system. In a State local option system, it was covered with racial lines, it was too easy for a man in a "dry" town to cross the line and get "wet." Then again, too much liquor could be smuggled into the local option towns. Another reason why the W.C.T.U. wanted a state-wide prohibition, or for that matter, world-wide prohibition, was that towns with licenses were likely to get business of different kinds from the local option towns, and as a consequence, citizens are deterred from voting "dry" for fear of losing business. In fact, Mrs. Stevenson dealt with the question in a frank and business like way. She admitted that local option meant that men in "dry" towns were apt to turn to drinking whiskey instead of beer, the former being more easily procured, and in making these admissions she showed that she saw a condition of affairs such as at present prevails in Owen Sound—the taking of business to other towns and the reckless consumption of bad whiskey. These things are daily discernable here, but our local option friends are apparently blinded by their prejudice.—O.S. Herald.

VOTE FOR THE CEMENT BY-LAW

Another By-law that is before the ratepayers on Monday next is the Cement By-law, fixing an assessment of \$80,000 as the rate for school purposes for the next five years. Of this amount, some \$1800 bears the whole rate of taxation of the town. This means that if the by-law is carried the town will receive as taxes from the Cement Co. nearly \$700 per year. This is all that the town has been receiving during the last two or three years, so that there is no reduction in any way. Every other industry in the town is treated in a similar manner. There are also other considerations which should be taken notice of by the ratepayers. About ten years ago, many shareholders in all parts of the Province, in-vested their money, which helped to build up the splendid plant of which we are all proud, and during this time very little has been returned to these investors in the way of dividends. The money spent at that time was instrumental in helping to build up the town. Since that time, 100 to 125 men have been employed during the months the plant is in operation, which means a pay roll of over \$6000 per month. This year, under new management, wages have been advanced, and the men have received steady employment for a longer period than usual. In addition to this, practically little or nothing was given at the inception of the Company, about \$1300 having been paid for the site, while the Company has paid \$10,000 in taxes. We trust every

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PAUL J. JONES



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Whiskey vs.

Contributed by Durham the South Grey Temperance

Whatever may be against local option, before the elections of Monday is that stated a liquor traffic and Christianly opposition, they are reconciled and we are on to make our choice. A paig is drawing to a pulp, platform and press issued scathing imprecations of the lie and unanswerable argument of local option, yet no license has ventured a public defence with the one who apparently afraid to give any clue, published in 1st week, a gross misrepresentation of the Methodist Church on the Rev Mr Kettlewell in an communication at length Hall last Sunday night find appropriate terms to size is and its author in the glo Saxon words "lie" and

The following extract from the Christian last week will give the of the Methodist Church campaign is being conducted opponents in the usual way al optio' facts are being starting fashion. In for instance, it is even the Temperance and M Department of the M-th is opposed to local op been found that the loc in Manitoba is so nos its provisions that it is sible to compel its su this has caused an agit a lesser measure of pro for a greater; and this dist attitude. The tr prey hard up for arg it begins to quot the church as the opponent of

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