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For "Quality First" Christmas Gifts, Come to Darling's.

## NEWS AROUND TOWN

GUESS how many beans in the jar at Keeler's.

SAWS ginned at the Durham Foundry.

OUR stock of leather goods are marked down to sell.—At Darling's.

DARLING'S for good value Xmas goods.

THE largest stock of perfumes in town. Prices as usual—the lowest—at Darling's.

EBONY goods, toilet, manicure, brushes, military brushes, etc., etc., at Darling's.

THE Empire Queen Range.—This is the range that baked a pan of cookies every five minutes at the Durham Fall Fair. Sold at the Big Store.

WE thank our correspondents who have written this week, and hope to hear from them all again next week. This is the season when friends come and go. Just tell us about them.

THE Baptist Church Sunday School will have their entertainment on Thursday, Dec. 26. A good program is being prepared, and everyone is welcome. Admission ten cents.

THE Varney Christmas Tree entertainment will be held for the twenty-fourth time on Christmas night. An unusually interesting program is being prepared by the school. All are invited.

A BY-LAW will be voted on at the beginning of the year to raise \$4000 for the building of a new bridge at the foot of the Garafaxa street hill. The old bridge is nearly done, and is not considered any too safe.

THERE is a report that the Electric Light Company intend to put on metres. Should they do so, many users will be more careful of the current and we may be able to get better light. Others may be well served but our lights for some time have been very poor.

MR. THOMAS WALLACE, collector for the front division of this township was in town on Wednesday and handed over every cent of this year's taxes to the treasurer, and placed the roll in the clerk's hands. This is not a bad record in what is reputed to be a lean year, and Mr. Wallace feels justly proud of his section of the municipality.—Ayton Advance.

A LETTER appeared in last week's Leader condemning Local Option in Holstein. The writer didn't give his name, and such anonymous epistles have but little weight. The writer whoever he is, says—"If it came to a vote in Egremont now my honest opinion is that it would not carry." We have very grave doubts about the value of such an opinion. If he said Normanby we might agree with him.

THE mails from Toronto have been so irregular that Postmaster Smith is losing his voice in making the announcements. To save himself the very strenuous effort of doing so, and to preserve his vocal sweetness, he had cards printed to hang out on state occasions. The public will soon get on to the idea, and unless they want special information as to the whys and wherefores there need be no loss of muscular tissue on either side.

WE are pleased to know that last week's letter by John Sneed on "The Making of a Successful Wife" has been enjoyed by some of our readers. The second letter appears this week and will prove equally interesting. There are still eight more to come, all about the same length and each complete in itself. If you liked the first one we think you will be anxious to read the others. Ten letters on "The Making of a Successful Husband" will follow as soon as the first series is exhausted.

A LETTER from Mayor Kennedy, of Owen Sound, appears in this week's issue. It was taken from a recent issue of the Toronto News and is published on a purely advertising basis. The pros and cons of the question should be fairly and honestly discussed, but we do not hold ourselves in any way responsible for the views that may be expressed. It is a mere matter of business on our part so far as publication is concerned, but we are tied in no way in the exercise of our franchise.

SEE McKechnie's change of ad.

XMAS confectionery, all kinds, at Darling's.

Big stock of Diamond Rings from \$15.00 to \$100 each at Keeler's.

VIOLINS, Bows, Strings, 20% discount at Darling's.

DYNAMITE—For sale. Apply to H. W. Hunt, Vickers.—3 pd.

CUSTOM SAWING at the rear of the Durham Foundry.—Robert Smith.—1f.

FOR SALE—Store and residence combined.—Mrs. A. Burnett, Upper town.

THE recent snow fall has made things lively in town. There is quite a lot of wood coming in which sells at \$2.50 to \$2.27 per cord.

SEE the display of skates, cutlery, sleighs and other useful articles, suitable for Christmas gifts, in the windows at the Big Store.

Miss C. H. Hutton who has been engaged with the Sinclair Rooney & Co. Wholesale Millinery House, Buffalo, for the fall and winter season, returned home the latter part of last week.

IN a Card of Thanks last week by Mr. Robert Lindsay a typographical error occurred. It said "I valued the mare at \$2.25." This should read \$225. It was our mistake, not Mr. Lindsay's or the compositor's.

THE open season has helped to solve the feed problem, and farmers are now feeling easier about the wintering of their stock. Sawdust is said to be largely used for bedding and fodder is handled more carefully than is customary in the fat years.

WE have just been told an engine driver named McCallum, was killed in British Columbia. He formerly lived at Dornoch and his wife is a daughter of Mr. Alex Smith of that locality. This is all we heard about the accident up to the time of going to press.

ST. JAMES' Church, Euphrasia, was dedicated on Sunday, the 8th inst. The services included Holy Communion at 10 a. m., Morning Prayer at 10.45 a. m., Monster service at 3 p. m. and Evening Prayer at 7 p. m. Rev. A. T. Watt, of Bond Head, and Rev. A. E. Wright, of Walkerton, were present and took part in the services. There was an entertainment and lecture on Monday evening.

THE Seaman-Kent Co., whose factories were burned recently in Meaford, are making preparations to rebuild and a large number of men are at work cleaning away the debris. The town is submitting a by-law granting them liberal concessions. Their removal would be a great loss to the town, and the ratepayers will carry the by-law and retain the industry, which gives employment to over a hundred men.

AT this season every year the merchants must be worried with the calendar collectors. Every youngster that's old enough to go round is almost sure to canvas the town and before the deserving ones have a chance the calendars are all picked up. They are nice to have, but they cost money and merchants shouldn't give them out to every youngster who has cheek enough to ask for them.

AN interesting address in the interest of the Tract Society was delivered in the Baptist church on Monday night last by the Rev. Chas. Ashdown, of Kirkwall. There was a good attendance and the address was much enjoyed. The officers of the Society have evidently given satisfaction as they were all re-elected by acclamation for the ensuing year. From the statistics given it is evident that the dissemination of Christmas literature is largely on the increase.

A CASE was reported recently of a double shooting tragedy in Detroit, in which Mrs. Griffith shot Dr. Attridge, and then shot herself. Both were taken to different hospitals and will likely recover though the Dr. still carries the bullet in his head. The woman had a husband who was seeking a divorce, and the Drs. refusal to marry her in the event of the divorce being procured was the cause of the shooting. It was a sort of a love affair and we never did make a success of explaining such freaks.

## LOCAL OPTION IN OWEN SOUND.

W. P. Telford Gives His Opinion And Shows Why Convictions Have not Been Made.

Seems Like Wholesale Perjury.

Owen Sound, Nov. 25, 1907.

THOS. ALLAN, ESQ., SECY. SOUTH GREY TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION, DURHAM.

DEAR SIR:—As I promised, I now give you my impressions with regard to the enforcement of the Local Option measure in the town of Owen Sound. It will depend entirely upon the source of your information as to whether the Act here is a success or a failure. If you get your information from a man who sympathizes with the liquor business you may depend upon it he will tell you that there is as much drinking of spirituous liquors at the present time as during license; but if you get your information from a man like myself, who believes that it is the greatest curse of our modern civilization without one single redeeming feature, then you may expect the report will be somewhat biased. However, I shall endeavor to give you the facts of the case.

Up to a very recent date the treating system was practically abolished in the town. Laboring men and mechanics in place of spending the principal part of their earnings over the bars of the town now expend their earnings in getting home comforts for their families, and there is not a question but that the laboring men and mechanics' homes have been greatly benefited by the enforcement of the Act. Nearly all the grocers in the town declare that they have been able to collect accounts incurred prior to Local Option that they never expected to collect, and that they do a much better business than formerly, as the money under license spent in drink now goes into groceries, &c.

It is perfectly true there is a considerable amount of drinking among those who are particularly fond of intoxicating drinks, but I am satisfied there is not one-sixth of the quantity consumed at the present time that there was under license. As evidence of this fact, Mr. Shipman, of the Seldon House, acquired a fortune of \$73,000 in about fourteen years although he came here penniless, and he asserted that he did not make the money out of his beds or meals, but wholly out of the liquors sold over the bar.

As to the statement made by liquor dealers and sympathizers with the traffic that there is more liquor drunk now than formerly, the following is a fact which they will find great difficulty in explaining away. All the hotel men have been up before the Police Magistrate more than once. A few days ago there were eight of them brought before the Police Magistrate, the result of a campaign by two detectives from Toronto who hunted up the evidence. These two men swore that they got liquor in all these eight hotels but the hotel men were equal to the occasion and brought any number of individuals, themselves included I think, to swear that there was no liquor on the premises, and that they never supplied intoxicating liquors.

In view of the conflicting evidence the Police Magistrate declared that he could not convict, and a number of the cases were dismissed. After the case against the Paterson House had been tried and dismissed one of the detectives informed Mr. Beckett, the Inspector, that he would convince him that what he had said was absolutely true. He directed him to a receptacle in the Paterson House behind the bar which had a false bottom in it and he would find the intoxicants under that false bottom from which he himself had been supplied some days before. The Inspector went as directed and found the bottles. He took out three and was convinced that they were spirituous. Samples of the liquor were sent to Toronto to be analyzed and the case is now pending. This case throws a great deal of light upon the prosecutions that have taken place. During the past two months there has been a determined effort made by the liquor men to bring the law into disrepute by making it appear that treating to intoxicants is going

on just as freely now as during license in order that people may be disgusted with the Act and be willing to drop it in 1909 when the liquor party are sure to ask for its repeal.

Let me give you a sample case of the way in which it is affecting our laboring population. At a dinner party some time ago the question of Local Option came up for discussion and it was asserted by some of the guests that there was just as much liquor drunk now as formerly and that the law was no good. A servant who was waiting on the guests heard what was said. After the guests had left she informed her mistress that these gentlemen might think that it was no good but she knew better. Under license her father spent the greater part of his earnings over the bars of the hotels, and as a consequence her mother had to go out by the day to wash and scrub in order to keep the family from starvation. Now the case is entirely different under Local Option. Her father brings his earnings home regularly, and the family are again in comfortable circumstances: her mother no longer requires to work out to keep the wolf from the door.

As an evidence of the fact that the hotels are not doing the business they formerly did I am certain it can be shown that rents have been reduced and it is public knowledge that their assessment was reduced by their own claim that business had fallen off. There can be no doubt that if some of the hotels were converted into stores the property would bring in a larger income than in license times.

Another strong evidence of the beneficial effects of the working of the Act is the fact that according to the Chief of Police statement prior to the enforcement of the Act from two to ten wives a week applied to the Chief of Police for protection against ill treatment from their drunken husbands. From May 1st, 1906, up to Jan. 1st, 1907, no such pleas had been made.

There are a good many other points which might be emphasized, but I shall endeavor to get one of our temperance workers to go down and address you upon the subject.

Yours truly,  
WM. P. TELFORD.

## PERSONAL

Mrs. John Barker, of Hanover, was in town Saturday.

Miss Ethel Linton is spending a few days in Toronto.

Dr. Hutton is recovering from his recent fall, and will be all right soon.

Mr. W. B. Vollet is recovering nicely from his illness and operation.

Mrs. Burns-Lander visited friends in Hanover for a day or so last week.

Mr. John Sirrs, of Chesley, is visiting his cousins, the Sirrs family here and in Egremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Webster and two childrens of Las Animas are spending a few months with Mrs. Webster's mother Mrs. Jas. Lauder.

Mr. W. L. Dixon has returned for the winter after spending the past eight months on his homestead near Battleford. He was in town Monday and gave us a call.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lindsay, of Whitefish, Montana, are visiting friends in this vicinity. It is over twenty years since he went West and twelve years since he was here last.

Miss E. Laura Hutton left 17th inst. for a visit to friends in Winnipeg and other parts of the great western country, also to attend the Normal in Regina.

## LOCAL.

MR. WM. WALPOLE sold his residence to Mr. Hamilton Allen. History is repeating itself, as Allan the blacksmith now owns the same house and the same shop that formerly belonged to Guthrie the blacksmith.

MR. JOHN MCCALMON, of Varney, has paid his subscription to the Chronicle for 1908. The old gentleman is now in his eighty-sixth year and has been a regular reader of the Chronicle ever since it started forty-one years ago, and previous to that he took the Standard during the whole ten years of its existence from 1857 to 1867.

AN address on Local Option will be delivered in the town hall on Monday evening next when C. A. Fleming Esq., of Owen Sound will be present. Mr. Fleming is said to be a forceful and fluent speaker and full of argument in the discussion of a subject. As these meetings are intended for the benefit of the general public an invitation is extended to all to be present.

### Only 5 days left!

YOU have only Five Days left to do your Christmas shopping. They will be Five busy days for this store, but we are never too to wait upon you. We have an Extra Large Stock of seasonable Gifts to choose from,

Handkerchiefs

Gloves

Fancy Silk Drapes

Fancy Linens

Fancy Waist Lengths

### Men's Furnishings

Furs and Clothing

We wish one an all

A Very Merry and Joyful Christmas.

## S. F. MORLOCK

Sole Agent for Progress Brand Clothing.

Cash and one price

### Some Convincing Reasons

FOR BUYING HERE.

### Clearing Sale

### Of Ladies' Skirts

We have a large stock of these in plain and fancy cloths and latest styles that must be sold. Regular \$3.50 to \$5.00 to clear at \$2.50.

### Ladies' Fine Furs

We ask you to let us give you an insight into what we call a good assortment of Stylish Furs at popular prices. Special value in Fur Jackets.

### Men and Boys' Jackets

It is now the season of the year that you are thinking of your Fall and Winter Coat—You will find our stock very complete in the most popular Styles.

### Groceries

Our Stock is always complete and up-to-date.

### Highest Price Paid for Produce

## J. & J. HUNTER

THE BUSY STORE ON THE BUSY CORNER.