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Local Option in Midland.
Business Men are Satisfied.
(By Rev. J. J. Elliot.)
In answer to your inquiries as to the working of Local Option in Midland I would refer as follows:
Notwithstanding certain features that tend to discredit the by-law I can assure you that it is vast improvement on the license system as we saw it. The business men are satisfied with it. All the banks favor it although they were against it when the vote was taken. There is not a single business man of any prominence in the town who would vote against the by-law to-day. Some take this stand for purely business reasons, finding it easier to get cash payment and collect old bills.
2. The working men are pleased with it. Drunkenness has greatly decreased among this class. The employers of labor find a very marked improvement and can count on getting their men back to work after paying, thus effecting a great saving in trouble and expense. The men have not the temptation of the open bar and save their money or spend it on house comforts.
3. Many homes, to my own personal knowledge, are enjoying peace and comfort they have not known for years. I know some very hard drinkers who have not used liquor since the first of May. Of course there is a certain type of drunkard who will drink in defiance of any law, but experience shows that another type will not drink when it is not forced on his attention by the open bar.
4. A great change is noticeable in the sobriety and order of the streets. Very little drunkenness is observed. You can take your children round any corner without passing through a line of loafing and drinking men. On the whole the law is a success here, and if we maintain our present position, we have no fear of any desire on the part of the rate-payers to go back to the license system. We expect, however, to do much better when we get the license wiped out in Penetanguishene and other towns.
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Bentinck Council

Met in the Clerk's Office Hanover on Monday the 16th, inst. Members all present, the Reeve in the chair.

Minutes read and passed. The report reported work done and progress made on Brown's steel bridge. Mr. Traynor the engineer also reported on work done on bridge. The several road commissioners reported on the road expended on Roads since last meeting. Division No. 1 \$59.88, No. 2 \$33.50, No. 3 \$1.00, No. 4, \$11.85. Reports received. The following accounts were ordered to be paid: Bart of Health expenses \$21, Jenks and Diester \$2.00 on account of steel bridge, Maule and Laby \$564 in full work on steel bridge. Mr. Traynor engineer \$72 plans and inspection, also \$31.50 attending arbitration in Smith engine case. Wm. Hestie \$2 salary as collector. Charles Empeke \$5 for one hundred yards gravel. Wm. Popper \$1.50 for 10 loads of sand. Bell Telephone Co. 75 cts. messages for steel bridge. The Reeve and Deputy Reeve \$2 each Committee on County line Deviation Grey and Bruce. Timothy Casey was paid \$50 for damages to fence through defect in the road through Corlett's swamp Con 2 and 3 W. R. Andrew Koch was refunded \$6 error, in Collection Roll \$20 were granted to the Bentinck Agricultural Society. The charge \$2 each for Statute Labor against Widow Lloyd and Thos. Richard of Elmwood was ruled they being unable to perform same. Council adjourned.

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