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This week we are offeging all holiday goods at a big sacrifice in price. Many lines will go at half price, others at ¼ and ⅓ off. Perhaps there is some article which was beyond the reach of your purse before. Come and get it now.

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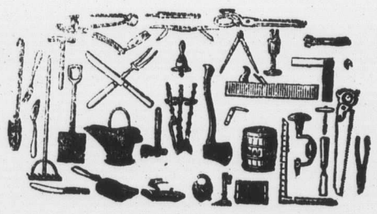

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A ROUSING RALLY

The Local Option advocates in village and township closed their series of public meetings with a good rally in the town hall on Wednesday evening last. There was a large attendance, and a spirit of enthusiasm and confidence characterized the proceedings. The speaker of the evening, Rev T. Beverley Smith, rector of St. John's church, Toronto Junction, and all the resident ministers occupied seats on the platform, Rev W. N. Scott presiding.

Following devotional exercises and a duet by Miss Iva Dunham and Miss E. Percival, the chairman delivered a capital opening address. Rev S. Hollingsworth followed with a solo—an appropriate adaption—"When the bar has gone to stay."

Rev R B. Patterson then, in a neat speech, introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev T. Beverley Smith, who for an hour held the undivided attention of the large audience. He is unostentatious, unassuming, a pleasing speaker. He indulged in no flights of oratory, no scathing denunciations, but in a measured, even tone told the story of the working of Local Option in Toronto Junction, a story well calculated to win converts to the Temperance ranks. Toronto Junction (West Toronto) is a great manufacturing centre and many of the captains of these industries are behind the Local Option movement. These men are not moved to back up Temperance merely from sentimental considerations; they know that Local Option has benefited their army of employees and consequently their business. Local Option was never more popular with the people of that part of the great city of Toronto than it is to-day. He referred to the various railways and other large concerns where prohibition was enforced under penalty of dismissal. Of the evil fruits of the liquor traffic he said but little, but his record of one week's experience, gained in his work as a minister, spoke volumes in condemnation of the traffic. The whole address was exceedingly practical and met with the unqualified approval of the audience. A vote of thanks to Mr Smith, moved by Mr McKinnon, seconded by Reeve Holmes, was heartily endorsed on being submitted to the meeting.

A solo by the Rev S. Hollingsworth followed, and then the Rev F A. Read spoke briefly along the line of the principal address of the evening. To allay the fears of those who thought that Local Option might prove injurious to the business interests of the village, Mr Read read the following letters from nearby places where the law has been tried, proved and approved :—

Winchester, Ont., Dec. 18, '08.

Local Option has been in force here for nearly two years and if put to the test to morrow it would carry with a larger majority than it had in the first place.

We have several families who are now able to pay their way without any trouble who, under license, had very little to spend outside of what went over the bar. These people can now pay cash instead of being carried along month after month and year after year by the merchants.

Judged from a purely business standpoint, we are quite satisfied with Local Option and so far as the moral side of the question is concerned it is a decided improvement. The act has been well enforced. One man undertook to run in and sell some some drink on the sly, bat it got so hot for him that he skipped out and has not been heard from since. Since the conflagration of July, 1907, we have been somewhat handicapped in the matter of accommodation for the public. The citizens generally realized the need of a good hotel and formed a joint stock company (subscribed stock to the amount of $15,200) and have built one of the finest hotels along the line. It is now nearing completion and will be ready for opening about Feb. 1. It has no provision for a bar, as it is not expected that one will be required again at Winchester.

Signed by ten leading business men of Winchester.

Lansdowne, Dec. 22, 1908

We the undersigned citizens of the village of Lansdowne, in the interests of temperance and moral reform, wish to testify to the merits of Local Option in our community from a business standpoint

Having experienced both sides of the question, we have no hesitation in stating that we sincerely believe the open bar room to be a direct damage to legitimate business; whereas on the other hand the absolute prohibition of the sale of intoxicants, being conducive to ideal citizenship, regulates the home of the moderate drinker, and diverts his money from passing into the pockets of the saloon keepers to the honest channels of business, where in return the home and family are deriving not only the bare necessities but the real comforts of life, thereby benefiting the merchant and also all branches of business

(Signed by 32 of the professional and business men of the village.

NOMINATIONS

There was a good attendance of rate payers at the nomination meeting for rear Yonge & Escott, held Monday afternoon, and many matters of interest to the municipality were discussed. At the close of the meeting the following were in the field :—

FOR REEVE

J. H. Mulvena, elected by acclamation.

FOR COUNCILLORS

Jas. Cughan,
Ford Wiltse,
Stephen Kelly,
Ed. Shea,
Andrew Henderson.

Mr Henderson retired, leaving the council as above elected by acclamation.

The Athens nomination meeting passed off very quietly. The reeve reviewed the work of the year and his report seemed to meet with the approval of the meeting, as no criticisms were offered For all the offices, a large number were nominated, and when the resignations were checked off the following remained among the possibilities :—

FOR REEVE

M. B Holmes,
E. J. Purcell,

FOR COUNCILLORS

Collins Mullen,
Edward Taylor,
W. H. Jacob,
A. E. McLean,
I. M. Kelly,
E. J. Purcell,
A. M. Eaton,
Alpheas Scott,
Charles Wilson,
T. S. Kendrick,
A. W. Judson,
J. F. Gordon,
Norton B. Scott.

Of these Messrs Purcell, Taylor, McLean, Judson and Mullen filed qualification for councillors, leaving Mr Holmes elected reeve by acclamation. Voting takes place for councillors on Jan. 4th,

TRUSTEES—BY ACCLAMATION

Thos, Howarth,
T S. Kendrick,
W. B. Connerty,

BLANCHER—EMMONS

There was a very pretty wedding at the home of Mr and Mrs Frank Emmons on the 22nd of December at high noon, being the marriage of their daughter, Blanche, and Mr Clifford Blancher of Athens. A fine arch graced the entrance, the interior being decorated in modern ways. Mr R. C. Brown of Bedford Mills was groomsman and Miss Myrtle Emmons was bridesmaid. The bride entered, accompanied by her father. Rev W. Henderson performed the interesting rite. Four generations were present, the two grandmothers having a prominent place at the table, where a well prepared and sumptuous dinner was served. The bride wore beautiful white silk eoline and wreath of orange blossoms; travelling suit, brown silk. Many presents, useful and ornamental, that of the groom to the bride a gold necklace and locket. Amid well wishes the happy couple went westward on a tour, and later will probably reside in Watertown, N.Y.

There were also present Mr and Mrs Chancey Blancher, Mrs Angeline Wiltse, Mrs Vincent [illegible], Mr and Mrs Herbert Redford, [illegible] and Miss George Gifford, Miss [illegible] Blancher, Mr and Mrs P. C. Van[illegible] and Mrs Alex Brown, Mr and Mrs Geo Eaton, Mrs Bella Avery, Mrs Sarah Lillie, Mr Alex Dixon, Mr A. Emmons, Mrs M. Emmons, Mrs Henderson, Miss Susie Palmer, Mr Lorne Emmons, Mr Alex McQuinn.

Mr and Mrs Chancey Blancher had a pleasant family reunion last week at which all the children were [illegible] Ernie coming from Kin[illegible] Oscar and Irvin from Wat[illegible]

What Shall I Give Him for New Year's?

This is the same difficult problem that presents itself at every recurrence of the season.

We come to your rescue and say : "Come here with all your troubles and let us show you.'

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Raincoats	Gloves	Mufflers
Suits	Hosiery	Caps
Trousers	Underwear	Shirt Protector
Fancy Vests	Suspenders	Sweaters
Smoking Jackets	Umbrellas	Etc., Etc., Etc.

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