

FIRST LOCAL OPTION OPEN MEETING HELD IN VICTORIA HALL

Good Sized Crowd Turned Out to Hear Police Magistrate Clark of Orillia and Mayor McQuaker of Owen Sound Tell of Their Towns Under Prohibition—Another Meeting Announced for Monday Night.

The first open meeting in the Local Option campaign was held last night, by the temperance workers in Victoria Hall, when Police Magistrate Clark of Orillia and Mayor McQuaker of Owen Sound were the speakers of the evening. Both delivered strong addresses showing how local option in the above places had had most beneficial results. A good-sized crowd was present, the hall being three-fourths filled. Mr. C. Cook presided, while Mrs. Arthur Secord and Master Richmond Sutherland rendered solos in splendid voice.

Police Magistrate Clark of Orillia spoke at considerable length and showed how conditions as he knew them in his professional capacity had vastly improved under local option. Hotel accommodation, he asserted, was much better, crime was lessened, and business had increased. Manufacturers and business men were practically unanimous in its favor and he named prominent commercial men of the town, who now favored it strongly although they at first opposed it.

Mayor McQuaker took up one by one the arguments advanced against local option and disposed of them by citing the case of Owen Sound. Both speakers asserted that the law was strictly enforced in their respective towns, and no difficulty was experienced in keeping the would-be liquor vendors in the straight path. An offering was taken up to help the local campaign.

Mr. Clark stated that he was against the liquor traffic because he was a father, because he was a member of a Christian church and because he was a citizen of Canada, and did not wish to stand for a system which robbed men of their money as he had often seen in the men coming into western cities.

Conditions in the Eighties. He had, he said, been magistrate of Orillia when it was wet and when it was dry. Years ago, when local option prevailed in Simcoe County perjury and dishonesty led him to a sincere disbelief in the whole system of liquor restriction. When the Scott Act was in force only one man looked after the enforcing of the law and he lived in Halton County. Yet under the Scott Act, unsatisfactory as it was, had the officials appointed in Orillia during the last six months of its regime been allowed to have a real good chance, Simcoe County would never have gone back to the licensed bar. To-day a man who obtained liquor in a dry constituency must tell the magistrate where he got his drinks. The liquor laws can be kept, just as well as any other laws.

Conversion of Mr. Tudhope. Local Option first carried in Orillia in January, 1908. The most bitter, though honest opponent of the by-law was Mr. B. Tudhope. The by-law was thrown out on a technicality, but Hon. Mr. Hanna retained licenses for three years to come. Two years later 57 per cent. of the people signed a petition to submit another by-law and their names were obtained in a few days. One of the strongest advocates of the new by-law was Mr. Tudhope. During the first contest Mr. Tudhope, the mayor, was against local option, within two years he swung around in favor of it.

Brantford's Bright Pupils Have Been Photographed

CENTRAL SCHOOL—DIVISION SEVEN



FIRST ROW—J. Osborne, O. Pizzev, M. Shear, H. Newton, J. Mullun, A. McKay, L. Ajajiamian, M. Halstead, S. Kayrie, I. Muir, Hilda Higgins, M. Rathbin. SECOND ROW—R. O. Pizzev, C. Losia, C. Lipovich, R. Thompson, P. Waldron, F. Bolton, A. Muirhead, M. Tocassean, L. Hewitt, F. Leonie, V. Strobridge, B. Stuart, R. Almas. THIRD ROW—W. Miller, B. Ajajiamian, R. Dixon, M. Symons, H. Johnson, M. Ross, H. Jacobson, C. Watson, E. Kelly, C. Muradian, R. Hainer.

MR. ASQUITH ADDRESSES THE LABOR MEN

Pleads With Them to Use Their Influence to Prevent Wage Increase Agitation.

MANY WORKERS RECEIVE INCREASE

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 1.—The belief that British shoulders were strong enough to bear whatever burden the war was imposing upon the country, and that all classes would gladly incur the sacrifices which they were called upon to make, was expressed by Premier Asquith to-day. The premier's expression of confidence was voiced before a representative labor conference of large size which assembled to consider the best means of husbanding the national resources and encouraging strict economy.

RECRUITING RALLIES

For the Brant Battalion Will be Held Throughout the County as Follows:

- Thursday, Dec. 2, at Cathcart. Friday, Dec. 3, at Onondaga. Friday, Dec. 10, at East Oakland. Monday, Dec. 13 at Harley. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Oakland. Friday, Dec. 17, Kegs Lane School House. Meetings will be held each evening at 8 o'clock.

Jane Addams is Very Ill

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The condition of Miss Jane Addams, settlement worker and peace advocate, who was taken to a hospital yesterday, suffering from a severe illness, was reported unchanged to-day. Physicians planned to hold a consultation to determine whether an immediate operation will have to be performed.

King is Better.

London, Dec. 1.—For the first time since his return to England after his accident in France, King George today left the palace and visited Queen Mother Alexandra on the occasion of her birthday.

Jockey Deported.

London, Dec. 1.—Asked for information regarding the recently ordered deportation of Tod Sloan, the former American jockey, Sir John Simon, British Home Secretary, informed those interested in the House of Commons: "This man has been deported, and before making the deportation order I satisfied myself that it was not desirable in the public interest at the present time that he should remain in the United Kingdom."

Train Held Up.

Waukesha, Wis., Dec. 1.—Passenger train No. 4, known as "Pioneer Limited" on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, was held up by a robber near Oconomowoc this morning and the passengers robbed. The bandit left the train at Oconomowoc and boarded an interurban car.

LENGTHY SESSION OF COUNCIL REGARDING RAILWAY MATTERS

Finally Decided to Authorize the Commissioners to Prepare Agreement to Sell Paris-Galt End—Same to be Submitted For Ratification to the People.

The City Council last night held one of the longest sessions of the year. They gathered in special session for the purpose of considering the proposed sale of the Paris-Galt end of the Municipal road to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway, and it was 11.30 p.m. before an adjournment took place.

Those present were Mayor Spence and Ald. Calbeck, Bragg, Woolams, Dowling, Freeborn, Jennings, Pitcher, Cuff, Gress, Mellen, Secord, Welsh, and Ryerson. Also Messrs. A. K. Bunnell, C. H. Hartman and W. R. Turnbull, Municipal Railway Commissioners; City Solicitor Henderson and Mr. Ireland, manager of the Municipal Railway system.

Mayor Spence explained that the Council had been called together in committee of the whole so that the railway matter could be fully and freely thrashed out. He thought this to be the better plan and the Municipal Commissioners had also been asked to be present. In connection with the matter he had that day received the following letter from Mr. Martin Todd, manager of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway.

As we fully expect to be able to operate between Galt and Brantford in three or four weeks, it makes immediate action necessary. If you can possibly arrange to have something definite before December 4, kindly do so and oblige. Yours respectfully, MARTIN N. TODD, General Manager. THE PRESS.

The Mayor brought before the meeting the question of whether the press should be allowed to remain. He brought the matter up for their decision and might say that Mr. Hartman, chairman of the Municipal Railway commission, desired that they should. A motion to allow the newspaper men to remain was moved by Ald. Ryerson and seconded by several others and carried. At the close of the meeting the matter of restricting the press reports with reference to the Paris-Galt end of the line again came up and it was again suggested that the reports written be first submitted to City Solicitor Henderson. The proposition was received with laughter. Mr. Reville speaking for the scribes present said he thought they could safely rely upon the discretion of the newspaper men present.

MR. HARTMAN. The chairman of the Municipal Board heartily thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to talk to the council in open discussion. He differed from his two colleagues on the railway board with regard to the sale of the Paris-Galt end of the line, but he wished the fact to be made clear that as Commissioners they had worked hand in hand together to put the municipal road in the best shape possible, and that there had never at any time been any personal feeling. He thought the road spoke for itself as to what they had been able to accomplish in fifteen months. He felt it to be his duty to state why he objected to the sale. The price offered was \$90,000, and within 24 hours had been offered \$100,000 for the scrap alone.

Asked for the name of the man or men making the offer, Mr. Hartman said that he could not do that, but it was a bona fide bid. Mr. Hartman then proceeded to analyze Mr. Ireland's figures. He thought he had been unfair in his figures. A single ticket to Galt cost 50 cents, and Mr. Ireland had taken off 20 cents for the carriage of such a passenger from Brantford to Paris, and in the same way with a double ticket. If full credit was given the Galt end would just about be paying its own way.

SEVERAL AUSTRIAN CABINET MINISTERS HAVE RESIGNED

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 1.—Reports that several members of the Austrian cabinet have resigned are confirmed by an autograph letter from Emperor Francis-Joseph, published in the Wiener Zeitung of Vienna. The Emperor has accepted the resignations of Dr. Karl Heindl, D'Udinsky, minister of interior; Dr. Rudol' Shuster von Bonnot, minister of commerce and Baron Engel von Manfield, minister of finance.

The first reports of the resignation of Austrian cabinet ministers came almost simultaneously with the visit to Vienna of Emperor William on

Monday. The semi-official Wolff Bureau of Germany, said on Monday night that several members of the cabinet would withdraw.

No authentic information has been received concerning the state of affairs politically which brought the retirement of the Ministers, but their withdrawal and Emperor William's interview with Emperor Francis Joseph have given free rein to speculation concerning Austria's reported willingness to enter upon peace negotiations. It has been represented that Emperor William went to Vienna on account of this situation, although other desired, were to the effect that he desired Austria to make concessions to Roumania, for the purpose of keeping her out of the war. These reports have come, for the most part, from sources hostile to Austria, and have been so contradictory that they have not been credited generally.

This is the most important change which has been made in any of the cabinets of the Central powers during the war. These cabinets hitherto have remained virtually intact, although coalition governments have been formed in England and France and there have been a number of withdrawals from the Russian cabinet.

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Hans Schmidt, ex-priest, must decide for the murder of Anna Muller. The verdict of the lower court was unanimously confirmed yesterday by the Court of Appeals at Albany.

ENTER ROUMANIA, WHEN ALLIES GET STRONG ENOUGH

As Soon as Half Million Men Are Gathered, Roumania Will Defy Austria.

EMPEROR WILLIAM IS WORRIED

London, Dec. 1.—Roumania will deliver an ultimatum to Austria as soon as the Entente allies concentrate 500,000 men in the Balkans, it is reported at Bucharest, says a Central News despatch from that city.

ROYALTY HAS GERMAN GUESSING

London, Dec. 1.—The Balkan states continue to dominate both the military and diplomatic situation in Europe. Rumania's attitude is apparently causing the Central powers great uneasiness, while Greece's refusal to limit her military effectiveness as requested by the Entente is of equal concern to those powers.

TRYING TO SMOOTH ROUMANIA

Paris, Dec. 1.—Diplomatic circles at Rome believe, says the correspondent of the Journal that the visit of Emperor William to Vienna was made to reconcile, if possible, divergent views of Germany and Austria and obtain a pledge of territorial sacrifices from Hungary in the hope of assuring the neutrality of Roumania.

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