

Local Option has had its fairest trial in Owen Sound. If it has failed there, it can succeed nowhere. Read what the Mayor of Owen Sound says of Local Option's effect on a town:

To All Whom It Concerns

Owen Sound, Nov. 27, 1907

"Local Option differs in operation very little from the Dunkin Act, which was tried in Owen Sound some years ago. In Owen Sound there is a good, capable License Inspector, who does what he can to enforce the law, but public sentiment is against doing so, notwithstanding the large majority by which it was carried, and liquor is sold in large quantities yet. There has not been a single instance of anyone having been sent to jail, although several convictions have been secured against nine hotels here. Late last week seven information were laid by the License Inspector, every one of which was dismissed with costs, although he had two detectives who swore that they had got liquor. The writer knows places where liquor can be purchased, in which it was never seen before Local Option came in force, and he is informed that there are sixty-one such places in the town. The town has four policemen, and the statutes, the by-law appointing them, a special by-law and a special resolution of the Council lately passed, make it the duty of these men to enforce Local Option; yet the sale goes on and no convictions are made. Public sentiment is against its enforcement. Local trade has been injured by Local Option, and scores of people in the surrounding country who used to trade in Owen Sound when License was in force, now go to Wiarton, Chesley, Port Elgin, Chatsworth, Markdale, Meaford, etc. Local Option has divided our citizens into two hostile sections, Local Optionists and Antis, who are jealous and distrustful of each other. What one proposes the other opposes. Owen Sound is a 'House divided against itself' in this respect. The evils arising from drinking have not been lessened but rather increased. Under License Law, liquors were sold in eleven hotels, and no liquor could be purchased by the glass outside of these hotels. Now it is sold in many places, and drunkenness is as prevalent as ever, if not more so. There may be less open drinking at bars, but drinking from bottles has largely increased, especially among youths and young men. Drinking takes place in private rooms, in offices, in closets, in cellars, outbuildings, etc. It may be asked, 'Where do they get it?' It comes in on the railways, in trunks, in suit cases, in valises, in satchels, in boxes, barrels, etc. It comes in on boats, on wagons, in carriages, etc., etc. Friends bring it to friends, and there are those who bring it in to make money. It is impossible to keep liquor out. Evidence of this can be seen in the shape of empty bottles and broken bottles on the streets, in lanes and out-of-the-way places, in the police courts, at the docks, etc. The effect on the financial affairs in Owen Sound is this:

(Signed) M. KENNEDY, Mayor of Owen Sound.

Believers in Local Option have been willing to rest their case on Owen Sound. Yet here is it proved that Owen Sound has suffered grievously from Local Option. Have you any reason to think YOUR town would not repeat Owen Sound's experience? Would that be good for your town? Think, before you vote!

conclusion that the bylaw in Ingersoll is sure to carry. ST. THOMAS WILL CARRY IT. ST. THOMAS, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—"St. Thomas will go solid for the power bylaw," said Mayor Lawrence. "There is not the slightest opposition to it here, and we all expect it will carry unanimously. I think it will carry every place."

BOARD OF EDUCATION FINALE Farewell Addresses and a Small Amount of Business. It was an evening of farewells and pleasant speaking at the final meeting of the 1907 board of education last night. Trustee Leves, seconded by Trustee Hunter, moved that the board place on record their sincere regret on account of the retirement of Messrs. Shaw, Parkinson and Jas. Simpson, and Messrs. Rawlinson, Dineen and Brown were instructed to prepare a suitable testimonial for presentation to the retiring chairman, Mr. Kent. A. E. Huestis was reappointed the board's representative on the public library board.

WOODSTOCK SURE. WOODSTOCK, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—"The bylaw will carry by a very large majority in Woodstock," said Ald. Dr. Welsford. "The people here are largely in favor of the scheme, and there is no doubt at all but it will go thru with a big majority." It is also regarded as a foregone conclusion that the bylaw in Ingersoll is sure to carry.

CARD OF THANKS. Mr. Geary extends his heartfelt thanks to all those who so generously supported him with their votes and good-will in the majority election.

WESTERN ONTARIO POWER

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next year, and its lowest price as per tender is \$75 a lamp. Under the scheme of the hydro-power commission the cost per lamp will be \$436 and on 500 lamps, the number required, the annual saving will be \$15,700. Combining the two services Hamilton will save under public ownership, on pumping per year, \$14,135, and on street lighting per year, \$15,700, totaling \$29,835.

The hydro-electric commission's figures included an underground system of wiring the central portion of the city, and the lamps to be used will be the Magnetic lamp, which is claimed to be superior to the burner now in use. This, in brief, is the situation created in Hamilton by the government cheap power scheme. One would not think there would be any opposition to cheaper light and more of it, and in a canvass of the people one would find an almost unanimous demand for the bylaw. But the Cataract Power Company is a powerful corporation. It has for years compelled the people to pay dearly for what would be a bylaw. Of the three papers, one only, The Herald, is supporting the Beck bylaw. The Spectator, owned by the Southams, who have \$1,000,000 of Cataract stock, is opposing the civic scheme. It tells its readers that the Beck proposition is a splendid thing for the citizens and has presented the case for why should Hamilton complain of dear light? Haan't the Cataract monopoly brought industries to Hamilton and built up the city to its present eminence of being the second industrial centre in Ontario? The Times, too, is opposing the scheme. The mention of the name of the Times, the old fashioned Times froth at the mouth and the name of W. F. Maclean rounds the organ off, which is not one of the Cataract papers, is putting up a good fight for the people's interests and it has presented the case so fairly that there can be no doubt that the great bulk of the people will endorse the government's policy on Monday next.

LONDON UNITED FOR BYLAW Political Lines Are Not Drawn Against Civic Good. LONDON, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—London is quietly taking a deep interest in the power bylaw vote on Monday. It is generally thought that the ratepayers will favor the measure, but there has been little done by the measure before the people. The electric interests are waging a vigorous campaign against the scheme, and are being flooded with literature calling for the defeat of the bylaw. Pamphlets and dodgers are being sent to every ratepayer, pointing out the evils of the scheme. The measure means an increase in taxation. But the "best" people are behind the scheme and The World on one occasion said "The 'best' people lead, the rest of London follows." The Liberals and Conservatives are alike in favor of the measure. It is the fact that the first and most opposition of a political nature, as evidenced by The Advertiser's attitude, was noticed. This has vanished. What was the opposition to the measure has changed and it can now be taken as granted that the bylaw will carry. Hon. Adam Beck is in the city hall Saturday night W. H. McDougall, M.L.A., P. W. Ellis and Hon. Adam Beck will speak. Then, Hon. Adam Beck will speak. Then, Hon. Adam Beck will speak. Then, Hon. Adam Beck will speak.

NEW HAMBURG UNANIMOUS. Large Gathering Hears Mr. Beck and Endorses Bylaw. NEW HAMBURG, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—This evening a large audience of the ratepayers of New Hamburg and an enthusiastic representation of the best informed farmers of this large agricultural section, gathered at the town hall to hear Mr. Beck's address on the Niagara power bylaw to be submitted to the people here on Monday next. The chair was occupied by the reeve, who was surrounded upon the platform by the village councillors. This was the Hon. Mr. Beck's first public appearance here. He spoke for an hour and a half, leaving immediately after the conclusion of his address for his home at Leamington. His address was listened to with intense interest. He spoke of many facts of interest to the farmer, as well as to the manufacturer. Many questions were submitted and satisfactorily answered by the honorable gentleman. The audience passed with cheers for the hydro-electric commission and the power bylaw, which will undoubtedly carry in New Hamburg.

"RING" ACTIVE IN GALT. Circulating Literature and Using Newspaper, But Sentiment Strong. GALT, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—"The Town of Galt is solid for Niagara power." So declared President Fryer of the Union of Western Municipalities, who, on his way to-night to address a Brantford power campaign, was here to speak to by The World correspondent. "When I say solid I mean that the governing leaders, as well as the electors, are in favor of the promised advent of energy from the Falls, and that vote on the distributing plant bylaw will represent the intentional elements not less than the majority of the electorate. The mayor and aldermen are a unit in support of the bylaw. The board of trade endorses it; the Retail Merchants' Association approves it; the manufacturers, with few exceptions, warmly champion it. Mr. MacGregor, the MacGregor, Gourlay Co., Limited—today, I was assured that the promised cheap power could come soon for the great industry controlled by that company. The same feeling is manifested by other manufacturers, large and small. You can say from me that the prospects of Galt's endorsement of the Beck scheme is exceedingly bright, notwithstanding all that is being done to discredit and defeat it in this town. The Enemy at Work. That a studied and determined enemy is actively at work is evidenced in many ways, notably in the 'Fine' articles which find place in one of the newspapers, but are refuted by the other. For example, The Reformer devote one-third of its first page to-night to an inspired production headed, 'Vote Against the Power Bylaw.' By way of contrast, The Reformer says, in a double-headed editorial: 'Toronto has left no possible doubt in the minds of the province as to where she stands on the Niagara power question. The tremendous majority given the real leader in one of the greatest political movements of the day. The hydro-electric commission's proposition was debated from every standpoint. It was given the utmost publicity, and in the opinion of the independent party lines were utterly broken, smashed under the blows of earnest men determined to put an end to the exacting of the electrical ring. Toronto was true to herself in the decision she gave yesterday, and loyal to the chain of Ontario municipalities.'

BERLIN'S BYLAW DIFFERENT. Already Owns Civic Plant and Conditions May Prove Unfavorable. BERLIN, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—While the towns are voting on their power bylaws, Berlin is already carrying out its plan to build a power plant. Berlin is already carrying out its plan to build a power plant. Berlin is already carrying out its plan to build a power plant. Berlin is already carrying out its plan to build a power plant.

THE WEATHER

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Jan. 2.—4 p.m.—Fine weather has prevailed throughout Canada, except that showers have occurred in Southern British Columbia and local snowfalls in Ontario. Temperatures have been somewhat higher, but elsewhere there has been little change. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 4 below-8; Victoria, 4-46; Vancouver, 28-41; Edmonton, 10 below-24; Battleford, 18 below-4; Prince Albert, 11-8; Calgary, 10-6; Regina, 10 below-16; Winnipeg, 8 below-2; Fort Arthur, 2-21; Pelly Sound, 24-22; Toronto, 24-30; Ottawa, 10-24; Montreal, 12-24; Quebec, 3-14; Halifax, 2-24. Probabilities. Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderately easterly winds; fine and about the same temperature. Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fair and continued moderately cold. Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Moderate winds, mostly westerly; fair and about the same temperature. Maritime—Moderately northerly to westerly winds; fair and cold. Lake Superior—Fair; about the same temperature. Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Mostly fair and milder. Alberta—Generally mild with local showers.

THE BAROMETRICAL TABLE. Time, Ther. Bar. Wind. 8 a.m. 29.82 12 N.W. Noon 29.83 12 N.W. 2 p.m. 29.83 12 N.W. 4 p.m. 29.83 12 S.W. 8 p.m. 29.83 12 S.W. Mean of observations from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. above; highest, 30; lowest, 28; snow, a trace.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. At, From. Jan. 2.—Boston, Liverpool. Maur. Sala, New York. Gramplan, Glasgow. Boston. Toronto, New York. Korean, Philadelphia. Carthaginian, Halifax. Glasgow. British, New York. Express, Halifax. Liverpool.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO. Jan. 2.—School Old Boys' banquet, Temple Building, 8. BIRTHS. ADDISON—At Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 25th, 1907, the wife of Dr. W. H. F. Addison of a daughter.

DEATHS. BURGESS—On Jan. 2, at Logan-avenue, Toronto, Alice Gill, beloved wife of Wm. Burgess, in her 33rd year. Funeral will leave the late residence on Saturday, Jan. 4, at 2 p.m., to Norway Cemetery.

BUTTON—At the family residence, St. Clair Farm, Locust Hill, Maria, Township, on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1908, Lieut.-Col. W. M. Button, in his 52nd year. Funeral service at his late home on Saturday, the 4th inst., at 2:30 p.m. Interment, Locust Hill Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

COLEMAN—On Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 1907, Sarah Coleman, in her 61st year, native of London, England, and sister of Mrs. James S. Potter, 118 Ross-avenue. Funeral from her late residence, 108 Main-street, East Toronto, on Friday, at 2 o'clock. Interment at the Necropolis. Funeral private.

ELLIOTT—On Thursday, Jan. 2, 1908, at the residence of her parents, 758 Euclid-avenue, Catherine, infant daughter of William J. and Catherine (Mergia) Elliott, aged 8 months. Funeral on Saturday, Jan. 4th, at 2:30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

RYAN—At Hamilton, on Jan. 2nd, 1908, Catherine, widow of the late William Ryan, 560. Funeral from her late residence, 618 Jarvis-street, Toronto, on Saturday, at 8:30 a.m., to Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

WICKERTY—At Medicine Hat, Alberta, on Dec. 25th, 1907, Annie Huston, beloved wife of George Worthy.

IN MEMORIAM. McLEAN—In loving memory of beloved wife of Arich McLean, who departed this life New Year's Day, 1907. Dearest mother, we have laid thee in the peaceful grave's embrace, But thy memory will be cherished still we see thy kind dear face. —Daughters.

Los Angeles Results. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—To-day's results: FIRST RACE, 5 furlongs: 1. Godfather, 112 (Boland), 9 to 1. 2. Billy, 107 (Moriarty), 10 to 1. Time, 1:00 5/8. Round and Round, Orca, 107 (Moriarty), 10 to 1. Rastus, Mossback, Costly, S. A. Carlisle, Black Domino and Joseph K. also ran.

SECOND RACE, 4 furlongs: 1. Rose Queen, 107 (Preston), 5 to 1. 2. Achive, 107 (Dugan), 3 to 1. 3. May Diadem, 107 (Burns), 6 to 1. Time, 24 1/8. Queen Grove, Bauthel, Annie Wells, Mattie Russell, Le Heine, Hindoo, Besswax and Cleverleaf also ran.

THIRD RACE, 7 furlongs: 1. Chippewa, 104 (McCarthy), 6 to 1. 2. Wistaria, 109 (Pardy), 13 to 1. 3. Bago, 107 (Martin), 15 to 1. Time 1:07 3/8. Dr. Crook, Reuben, Kirkfield Belle, Beautiful and Best, Comida, Neatness, Paul Clifford, J. J. E. Search, Steadfast, The Fog also ran.

FOURTH RACE, 5 furlongs: 1. Lee Harrison II, 107 (Schilling), 8 to 1. 2. Gio. Balerio, 107 (Preston), 3 to 1. 3. Bago, 107 (Martin), 15 to 1. Time 1:07 3/8. Dr. Crook, Reuben, Kirkfield Belle, Beautiful and Best, Comida, Neatness, Paul Clifford, J. J. E. Search, Steadfast, The Fog also ran.

FIFTH RACE, 5 furlongs: 1. Texer, 112 (Preston), 5 to 1. 2. Wistaria, 109 (Pardy), 13 to 1. 3. Aunt Polly, 109 (Muggrave), 6 to 5. Time 1:00 5/8. Anna May, Daisy Frost, Don, Old Colony, Veritas Vincit, Interdue, Hallie Sherman, Lady Laughlin, Prestige, Louis Fitzgerald also ran.

SIXTH RACE, 1 1/4 miles: 1. Invictus, 101 (Ross), 29 to 1. 2. The Bow, 101 (Schilling), 8 to 5. 3. 154. Sheridan, 101 (Dugan), 3 to 1. Time 2:07 1/8. El Primero, Cambyes, Bogium, Gentle Harry, Fay Me also ran.

Gasoline Exploded. An explosion of gasoline in the wet cleaning plant at the back of the James' Dye Works, in rear of 153 West Richmond-street, yesterday afternoon wrecked and shed and slightly damaged the main structure. A ten-gallon can of the gasoline stored in the engine room was the material ignited. Loss \$150.

A Small Fire. Fire at 225 East King-street last night caused \$300 damage to contents and \$100 to building. Tate & Co. are occupants.

\$2.15, Buffalo and Return. Excursion rate for next Saturday, Jan. 4, tickets good going only on Return Pacific 2:30 a.m. express. Canadian Pacific special train will leave Buffalo at midnight Saturday. Tickets also good returning on all regular trains until Monday, Jan. 6. C.P.R. city ticket office, corner King and Yonge-streets. 245

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