

in favor of Local Option, body and soul, because they are making more money out of the selling of whiskey under Local Option than they did with the license

Of course this is not all one-sided. It must be said in order to state the case fairly that the men who are able to get whiskey in a bar-room under Local Option are all men who the bar-keeper believes will go into court in the event of the "house being pinched" and swear they didn't get a drink. In other words, he must have the reputation of being ready to go into court and swear to a lie. So that one would think that this would reduce the number of men who would try to get a drink in a Local Option town. This is true. The number IS reduced, but the men who don't drink in this way are the CASUAL drinkers—men whose desire to drink is not strong enough to cause governments to legislate to save them from the liquor evil. The drunkards, the men with the strong appetites, and the young men of the community are the ones who avail themselves of this opportunity to drink—the very men that the honest temperance men are trying to SAVE. Men with appetites for drink will get the stuff if it is around any place, and they will usually degrade themselves to any extent to get it. Becoming perjurers is a matter of small moment to them so long as they get their "booze." Young men are found to have a fascination for the exciting experience of "taking a chance." Stolen fruit to the ordinary young man is generally sweeter than that which is on his father's table. This is the class of people that the honest temperance man is striving to save. They form the offenders against the Local Option Law in Owen Sound. The respectable drinkers have the liquor in their own homes. Drunkards will get hopelessly drunk anyway, if they can get the liquor, no matter what system of law prevails. There are other drinkers in Owen Sound who under the license system would go into a bar and take one or two drinks and go home, while under Local Option the experience is that when they get into a place where they can buy liquor they drink until they get drunk.

Owen Sound was a bad drinking town before Local Option passed, and it would not be expected that Local Option would stamp out all the drinking. The statement is confidently made, however, by responsible men who have watched events closely, that if the same determined