

Option by-laws had been already carried.

This requirement has proved a serious obstacle to the progress of Local Option. The workers of many municipalities have been deterred by it from undertaking contests. Nevertheless, since the change was made voting has been brought on in 241 municipalities, in 92 of which prohibitory by-laws have been carried, and in 149 of which they have been defeated, the result in the different years being as follows:

Year	By-laws Submitted	By-laws Carried	By-laws Defeated
1907	97	40	57
1908	83	31	52
1909	61	21	40
Total	241	92	149

Of the 149 by-laws lost, the temper-

ance people polled majorities in favor of 97, but did not obtain the three-fifths vote required under the new legislation. Had they been voting, as formerly, on the simple majority plan, the result would have been as follows:

By-laws carried.....	189
By-laws defeated.....	52

It will be seen that the number of contests has been diminishing, and the percentage of success has also been decreasing. However, the great success of local prohibition, where carried, has inspired new confidence in the method, and it is probable that more contests will be held on January 3rd in 1910 than were held in any former years, although it can hardly be said that there is much reason to hope for a much greater percentage of success.

Ontario's Roll of Honor

The number of places in this Province in which Local Option by-laws were carried on January 4th last was twenty-one. There were twenty-two other places in which majorities were polled for prohibitory by-laws, but the three-fifths operated to produce the same result that would have followed a vote in favor of license. The vote in these twenty-two places in which we were defeated stood as follows:

For Local Option	6,275
Against Local Option ...	5,025

Majority for 1,250

Notwithstanding this handicap we have now one hundred and ninety-nine municipalities under prohibition through Local Option. The total list of these places is given in the following table:

Cities	
West Toronto.	
Towns	
Bowmanville.	Orillia.
Campbellford.	Owen Sound.
Durham.	Southampton.
Midland.	Thornbury.
North Toronto.	
Villages	
Arkona.	Havelock.
Athens.	Hensall.
Beamsville.	Iroquois.
Bolton.	Lakefield.
Bloomfield.	Millbrook.
Brighton.	Norwood.
Cardinal.	Norwich.
Colborne.	Omeme.
Coldwater.	Port Carling.
Creemore.	Richmond Hill.
Grimsby.	Stirling.