

a half, the following declaration was made public, the signatories to it all being men of position and influence. Many more could have been secured:

We, the undersigned business men and citizens of the town of Owen Sound, beg to state that Local Option has **DECREASED DRUNKENNESS** and the use of intoxicating liquors in the town. The habit of **TREATING IS PRACTICALLY ABOLISHED**. We know that Local Option, as compared with the Licensed Bar, has proven a success notwithstanding the persistent antagonism of a number of otherwise influential citizens. We further affirm that we believe **BUSINESS HAS BEEN BETTER** and **TRADE MORE ACTIVE** than it would have been under the license system.

Owen Sound, December 21, 1907.

Jno. McQuaker & Co., Merchant.

Horton Bros., Departmental Store.

Wm. Wilson, Furnitures and Undertaking.

W. K. Ireland Co., Books and Stationery.

Kramer & Son, General Merchant.

The Canadian Heat & Vent. Co., Mfrs. of Stoves and Furnaces.

Christie Bros. Co. (D. A. Christie, J. H. Christie), Hardware Merchants.

Thompson & Co., Merchant Tailors, Hatters and Gents' Furnishings.

James Struthers.

J. T. Jameson, Councillor.

T. E. Vanstone, Dry Goods Merchant.

R. D. Little, Councillor.

W. H. Taylor, Druggist.

A. W. McFaul, Merchant.

C. H. White, Butcher.

Wm. Legate, Estate Agent.

A. McMillen, Deputy Reeve.

J. C. Kennedy, Contractor and Builder.

H. E. Middlebro, Druggist.

T. A. Pickard, Owen Sound Wire Fences Co.

James Heery, Tailor.

The National Table Co., Ltd. (W. H. Merritt, Man. Dir.), Table Factory.

The McQuay Tanning Co. (O. W. McQuay), Tanners.

Janet Burt, Grocer.

James M. Wilson.

James Cochrane, Alderman.

Wm. P. Telford, M.P., President, Snn Portland Cement Co. We employ 75 men.

A. E. Trout.

W. J. Shean, Merchant.

H. E. Sampson, Barrister.

C. A. Fleming, Principal, Northern Business College.

J. A. Hershey, M.D., Alderman.

R. P. Miller, Insurance Agent.

R. Howey, M.D.

Morrison Township

"For over thirty years I have been doing business in Severn Bridge as a general merchant, and having been requested to give an opinion as to the working of Local Option in the township of Morrison, including the village of Severn Bridge, would say from a business standpoint it has been a success.

"We have very good accommodation for the travelling public. My trade has greatly increased, and in the two years under Local Option I have made no bad accounts; on the contrary, find customers come in regularly and pay their accounts.

"We do not want anything better for this township or village than Local Option."

—N. H. Miller, General Merchant.

"Local Option came into effect in our village on May 1st, 1906. Previous to that we were pestered with disturbances of various kinds. Since Local Option has come into effect we have quietness and sobriety. The village is a different place. I have had accounts settled since it came into effect that I had never expected to receive. Besides, it has made many happy homes throughout the township."

—J. H. Jackson, General Merchant and Postmaster.

Norwood Village

At the regular meeting of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, Norwood, on November 2nd, 1908, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"This Quarterly Board desires to express their satisfaction at the improved condition of things in general since the advent of Local Option.

"This town, under the license system, had been paying a heavy toll in