

Best Local Option Law of Any Province

Rev. A. A. Graham in Canadian White Ribbon Tidings Warmly Commends Advanced Legislation of Local Government—Valuable Amendments Made To License Act.

Local Option in New Brunswick by Rev. A. A. Graham, pastor of St. David's Presbyterian Church, St. John, N. B.—

Since the year 1896 the Province of New Brunswick has had a Local Option section in its Liquor License Law. This section provided that any ward of a city or town, or any parish (township) might become dry if a majority of the voters on the list would vote against the granting of licenses. If there were 1,000 voters on the list, 501 votes were needed to close the bars. This regulation was manifestly unfair. Only those who were opposed to the traffic need go to the polls, and more fact that an elector voted on the question would betray how he cast his ballot. If he were in favor of license he would not need to go to the poll. Every contest was one in which the temperance people were required to poll a majority of the votes on the list. Should they succeed in the case just cited in getting 500 votes, and even if not one vote were registered against them they would be defeated because 501 were needed. Every dead man, and every sick or absent voter, and every man not voting counted against them. This law remained for twelve years upon our statute books before any serious attempt was made to apply it in St. John, and thus prove its worthlessness. It had been declared to be unfair, but it had never been demonstrated to be so. It had frequently been cast up to temperance people that they did not make use of the law which they had. It was felt that the law should be changed, but we could not reasonably ask the Government to amend it without first proving that it was unfair and unworkable. The temperance people in the parish of Harriet, in the county of Kent, had already prepared three petitions, and had been unable to secure an opportunity to vote on the license question, but it had never been tried in the city.

A United Effort.

Accordingly an effort was made last winter in St. John to put the law in operation and show how far it could be applied to the situation and prove its impracticable nature. A union of all the churches, Roman Catholic and Protestant, was effected, and the cooperation of all the other organizations working for the good of the city was secured. Petitions asking for a vote on the question of the granting of licenses were prepared and received the required number of signatures. These were presented to the Mayor and at the same time request was made that the poll be held on the same day as that on which the civic elections would take place. This day was considered necessary in order to preserve the secrecy of the ballot. When a voter cast his ballot for the election of Mayor and aldermen, we asked that he be given an opportunity at the same time to vote upon the question of license or no license.

The City Council was not willing to grant, or profess to find difficulties in the way of granting this request. The moral reform workers would accept no other day than that for which they petitioned, and they refused to go into the battle under such unfair conditions. They were satisfied they had carried the terms of the law far enough to demonstrate its impracticable character as a piece of supposed temperance legislation. They could not hope to have a fair expression of public opinion under circumstances in which a man, by merely going to the poll, would show how he was voting.

Saloon Men Rejoice.

The petitions were therefore withdrawn, and the announcement was made to the Council that the party of reform would seek from the Legislature at Fredericton for that legislation which would enable the opinion to be freely expressed upon this question. There was great rejoicing among saloon men, who of course did not understand the plan of campaign under which the work was being pushed. That plan could not be publicly announced, because of the very nature of the case. Even some good temperance people were greatly discouraged, and others went so far as to condemn in no measured terms those who were responsible for the withdrawal of the petitions. To some who took part in the work this was the most painful element in the whole fight.

Before the next step could be made a delay of a few weeks had to take place. The Temperance Federation, which has done valiant service in the cause throughout the Province, had at that time on hand a petition signed by about ten thousand people asking the Government to enact a prohibitory law. An answer must first be received upon this request. If a prohibitory measure were granted the purpose of the local option movement in St. John would be attained. In due time the Government declined to grant the prayer of the petition, but at the same time promised to introduce amendments to the License Act, one of which was a change in the local option section which would make the conditions fair.

No and Yes.

Feeling that a negative answer was coming from the Government, the moral reform forces in the city continued their work. Certain amendments to the License Act were carefully drafted, and when the refusal regarding prohibition was received everything was in readiness to take the next step. A meeting of the Moral and Social Reform Council of New Brunswick was called. All the churches, Roman Catholic and Protestant, and all the temperance and other moral reform organizations were represented. The meeting resolved itself into a caucus of the forces of Moral Reform. The draft of proposed amendments to the License Act was submitted, and after full discussion it was approved as embodying changes which were regarded as reasonable and necessary. A deputation, consisting of three Protestants and two Roman Catholics, was appointed to meet



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