

# LOCAL OPTION BULLETIN

Meaford, Ont. Dec.

## Meaford is NOT Tired of Local Option

A circular with the heading, "Meaford Tired of Local Option," has been issued by the "Personal Liberty League of Ontario," and purporting to give certain facts in the interest of the liquor traffic, and against Local Option, by reproducing the signatures of a number of Meaford's citizens. Let us at once declare that the circular in its signatures fairly represents the situation. That is to say, it is only able to produce 30 names out of a total of 824 who voted at the last Local Option contest.

Among the names of the thirty, 2 live out of town, 2 have been before the courts for alleged infringement of the Liquor License Act, and 1 is an ex-wine clerk.

On the other hand, no signatures appear from the following places of business, namely, 2 banks, 4 drug stores, 7 manufacturing places (employing 325 hands at least), 1 mill and electric light plant, 1 tannery, 2 evaporators, 4 blacksmith shops, 2 barber shops, 2 harness-makers, 2 tailor shops, 1 butcher (the other two butchers are represented as merchants on the wet list), 26 merchants, including dry goods and groceries, 1 restaurant, moving picture establishment, 2 market gardeners, 2 hotels, 2 newspapers, 4 implement, 4 fishing fleets and 5 drovers.

All of these places the Antis evidently failed to get, which, with a few exceptions, practically represent the actual business interests of the town. Then again:

Of Meaford's 4 Physicians not one signed the wet dodger. Of Meaford's 3 Dentists not one signed the wet dodger. Of Meaford's 3 Lawyers not one signed the wet dodger. Of Meaford's 14 Teachers, Public and High School, not one signed the wet dodger. Of Meaford's 8 Councilmen (including the Mayor) not one signed the wet dodger. Of Meaford's women, not one signed the wet dodger. Of Meaford's 4 J.P.'s only one signed the wet dodger.

These facts, which are regarded as absolutely correct by a committee of business and professional men, in contrast with the statement of the anti dodger, may be left to the judgment of all interested in the situation.

In view, therefore, of the above, it would appear that Meaford would be the last place on earth for any Anti-Local Option sympathizer to get any hope, from a business standpoint, for the public sentiment in favor of Local Option is steadily growing among the business men of the town.

(Signed) JOSEPH S. COOK  
For Local Option Committee.

P.S.—In addition to the above, no signatures were obtained by the Antis from either of the two large Hardware establishments. And the only veterinary in town is a strong supporter of Local Option.

(Signed) LOCAL OPTION COMMITTEE

## Dr. James L. Gordon

Well Known in Brantford, Will Speak at

### Local Option Mass Meeting

#### —IN THE— GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Sunday, Jan. 2nd, 1916

at 3:45 p. m. and 8:00 p. m.

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## USE COURIER WANT ADS

### THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY

The hotel Blair had been stopping at was near the depot, and he was proceeding leisurely toward the station when he was aware that he was being followed by a hulking panhandler. He turned and faced the fellow. It was Luke Lovell, a gypsy, that Blair had seen several times in and around Fairfax. The gypsy regarded him eagerly and touched his hat.

"It's a surprise to meet you here, Mr. Stanley," said the fellow. "I am out seeing the world; I am not a gypsy any more."

"No, you're a tramp now," replied Blair contemptuously. "I'll admit I have tramped," returned Lovell, "not at all based on the fact I have tramped to some good purpose. I have tramped a couple of thousand miles, and now that I meet up with you I can tell you I know something you'd give a good many thousand dollars to hear, because it would be worth money and more than money to you if you knew it."

Blair regarded the gypsy tramp with a sneer. "It is funny," he said, "you gypsies can tell everybody's fortune but your own."

"Gypsies sometimes tell their own fortunes, too," retorted Lovell. Then a sudden idea seized him. "What a fool I am!" he cried. "Why, if I told you what I knew you'd take advantage of it, but you'd never give me a cent. The secret I have is one that I will be paid to keep and not to tell." And laughing sardonically the gypsy turned upon his heel and swaggered away.

"It's queer what boozes will do to them," thought the cynical Blair. "It's a wonder he didn't try to borrow a dollar from me; I believe that's the price the gypsies ask to tell a man's fortune. They tell women's fortunes cheaper."

And he shrugged his shoulders and forgot the incident in musing over Vivian's desertion of himself and wondering how his mother would treat him in Richmond.

But while her erstwhile husband is traveling toward Richmond the vivacious Vivian, installed luxuriously at the best hotel, has wired her friend, Mr. Abraham Bloom, that she is in Los Angeles and, having got rid of Blair Stanley, hopes to find some trace of the diamond from the sky. Of course she has telegraphed for funds to Mr. Bloom as well.

In due time she receives an answering message. Mr. Bloom gallantly notifies her that he is telegraphing her \$500 and that he expects her to stay in the far west, in the big cities near where the train robbery was committed, for the purpose of locating the great jewel which Mr. Bloom is determined to possess.

In Richmond Mrs. Stanley still maintains her attitude of kindly interest in Esther. Mrs. Randolph is overjoyed to have a protégée of Esther's distinction of appearance and youth.

While Hagar is placed in a sanitarium under the best of care Esther feels that she has at last found friends in her loneliness, and she keeps up a good heart in the hope that her foster mother will be restored to reason. Often she appeals to the doctors to save her mother's reason.

She hopes also Arthur will return and be cleared from the suspicion of guilt that attaches to him since his flight under the accusation of being the murderer of her guardian, Dr. Lee. But Esther little dreams that the habits of thought and the cold ambition of a lifetime are not easily changed. Blair Stanley's mother, in her austere way, has been kind to Esther, it is true, and the frivolous Mrs. Randolph is kind, and also generous.

But Mrs. Randolph is only a tool in the hands of her relative, Mrs. Stanley, and Esther but the destined victim of Blair's mother's secret purposes. The one real friend that Esther has



Esther and Hagar, Her Insane Foster Mother.

in Richmond is Quabba. Both he and Esther have realized it will not do for the humble hunchback organ grinder to be seen in proximity to the young girl. Mrs. Randolph's latest protégée, "being introduced into the best circles of Richmond" as that social light of the old southern capital would have phrased it.

But every day at a certain hour Quabba goes by the Randolph house, up the quiet side street. He does not pause to play his vulgar tunes in such hallowed precincts. He slips quietly

by, but Esther is at the window of her room each day to see him pass, and they have arranged a signal should ever Esther need this humble, faithful friend.

The signal is a vase of roses. When this is placed upon the window sill Quabba knows it is a sign that Esther needs him, and day by day he passes and is relieved to see that the signal is not displayed and all is well.

Esther, for the sake of the absent Arthur, on whom her thoughts constantly dwell, has carefully hidden the documents at Stanley hall that she found in Hagar's strong box. She has said no word to those around her that would indicate she deems herself to be other than the gypsy daughter of the mentally clouded gypsy woman whom the surgeons of Richmond hope to restore to reason such time as she



Esther in Richmond Society.

is in condition for the perilous operation that will be necessary to effect this.

But Esther knows she is a Stanley of Stanley hall. It does not lessen her affection for the afflicted gypsy woman she has known as her mother.

Esther does not even attempt to judge the motives that actuated Hagar Harding in revenge for having been deprived of her own child, who was reared as heir of Stanley, while she, Esther, the true Stanley, though a girl and heir to no great title beyond the sea, was brought up in the tawdry surroundings of a gypsy camp. But the thought that she is a Stanley of Stanley hall, though it is not known nor acknowledged, brings a glow of pride and courage to Esther's heart.

She attributes Mrs. Stanley's sudden and substantial kindness to her to the fact that Mrs. Stanley has more than a suspicion of who she rightly is. But she and Blair's mother have tacitly ignored the matter. Esther only knows that her love for Arthur is greater than her pride at being a Stanley of Stanley hall.

She would rather arm her heart with patience and let events shape themselves as a happy fate will decree, she hopes. Her dreams and hopes are all to one end, and that is that Arthur will return, all suspicion removed, and take his place as heir to Stanley. She does not know how to reconcile this hope and dream with Mrs. Stanley's attitude. But at present Mrs. Stanley's attitude is kind, and Esther waits, possessing her soul with patience and her heart with hopes and dreams.

Marmaduke Smythe, the English lawyer, has given up his search for the heir to the Stanley earldom in disgust. He has left the matter in the hands of Detective Tom Blake and departed for England.

In his last interview with Detective Blake Smythe stated his opinion of Quabba generally, and the Yankee Stanleys in particular. "I can conscientiously say that I do not believe the climate of this country is conducive to a titled aristocracy. Even the so-called landed gentry are a queer lot," said Lawyer Smythe. "When I was here eighteen years ago to verify the birth of the Yankee heir to the earldom I was in danger of my life, I assure you."

"I had hardly returned to England when I learned of Colonel Stanley being dropped dead and Judge Stanley being shot or tomahawked in the mountains by natives, whether relatives or savage Redskins or a blackamoore tribe nobody will ever know. For my part I shall return to England and look after the estates, and if this young Arthur Stanley is caught and hanged for murdering Dr. Lee, whom I remember as a rather decent old chap, why, the next of kin, who is also a ticket of leave man or something of that sort, can come over and claim the earldom."

"As for this diamond from the sky, so called, I believe it is all a hoax. I am going back to England and look through the archives at Stanley castle with the hope of establishing a blood line in England that may get the house of lords to acknowledge its claim to the earldom and cut out these blood-thirsty Yankee Stanleys and their blooming big diamond!"

(To be Continued.)

MONTH-END SALE J. M. Young & Co. MONTH-END SALE "QUALITY FIRST"

## Month-End Sale Thursday and Friday (TWO DAYS)

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY we put on sale many lines of seasonal goods. All at reduced prices, such as Winter Coats, Suits, Dresses, Furs, Blankets, Comforters, Underwear, Dress Goods, Millinery, etc.

### Dress Goods

All Wool Serge, in black and colors, 40 in. wide Regular 85c. Sale price ..... **60c**

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