

JAMES SIMPSON, OF TORONTO, MADE POWERFUL APPEAL

**In Favor of Local Option—Dr. Yeomans Declares
No Politics in Campaign—Labor Man's Best
Friend Tells Why He is Opposed to Liquor
Traffic—The Scientific Argument.**

An address unequalled in its appeal to the workman, mechanic, and the professional man alike, was that delivered by Mr. James Simpson, of Toronto, candidate for the Board of Control and the representative of all the labor organizations in that city, in the Griffin Opera House on Sunday afternoon in behalf of local option. Mr. Simpson's oratory was at its highest as he denounced the liquor traffic in all its ramifications. The close of his address was marked by one of the most sustained perorations ever heard, in which in the choicest language he based his opposition to the bar on the ground of scientific knowledge.

There was a good sized audience present. Dr. H. A. Yeomans, president of the Civic Welfare League, presided. Mr. A. M. Chapman led in the opening song service. During the afternoon Miss Price and Miss Stark contributed a vocal duet, "Blessed Saviour."

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

"I referred last Sunday" said the chairman, Dr. H. A. Yeomans, "to what might be expected in the way of an appeal to the public on behalf of the liquor interests. The first of this has now appeared in the form of two anonymous letters published in a local newspaper last week." All of us abhor the anonymous writer for he is like a snake in the grass, to sting and not be known.

TWO SIDES OF THE CONTEST

"First let me ask you to remember the two sides in this contest—The one—in favor of temperance reform, composed of men who have not a dollar's interest in the campaign beyond the good of the community.

The other—composed of men interested in the sale of intoxicants for the money with no thought of the ruined lives, destitute homes, deserted wives, and children in want.

LIQUOR A PROFITABLE BUSINESS

"This will explain the bitterness of the opposition for the hate to give up a profitable business for what are a few ruined lives and homes when compared with that easy money!"

"This campaign has been on for nearly two months and we have tried to place the question as a fair, square proposition with a great principle at stake.

LOCAL OPTION IN OTHER PLACES

"The effect of local option on other towns has been better answered by the proprietors of 'The Daily Ontario' than we could have hoped to do ourselves. The members of the Civic Welfare League had no idea that the task of interviewing citizens of local option municipalities had been taken up by the publishers of that paper. The League disclaimed any connection with the articles, not that they would not have been proud to have been responsible for them, but as a matter of fact they knew nothing about them until their appearance in 'The Ontario.' They are thankful conditions have been found so satisfactory in these places.

"The statements made in the interviews, by men whose names are given, have never been assailed or disputed.

NO POLITICS IN LOCAL OPTION CAMPAIGN.

"It has been charged that this is a political movement put over by some awful people in an attempt to take the people in. Let me emphatically state we have no politics, Dominion, Provincial, or municipal. We have in the Civic Welfare League business men, some of whom have strong Conservative or Liberal leaning, men regarding whose politics there is no question and not like the usual fence holder who makes his politics suit the party in power.

CONSERVATIVES, LIBERALS AND INDEPENDENTS JOIN IN CAMPAIGN

"These men, Conservative, Liberal, and Independent, have entered into this local option campaign because it is the only way the government permits them at present to declare for prohibition.

The local option law was introduced by a Liberal Government, and accepted and added to by the late Sir James Whitney, who publicly stated this was the temperance policy of his government and that when a sufficient number of municipalities demonstrated by passing this a desire for prohibition such a law would be granted.

"As I have always stated, this is a great movement inaugurated by the Civic Welfare League on behalf of the citizens to wipe out booze and give us a Bigger, Better Belleville.

LIQUOR MEN'S TACTICS.

"During the coming week and terminating with meetings Sunday, Jan. 2nd, the last night before election statements will be made and literature spread broadcast as to the harm and injury which will come to the city through local option.

"Notice who makes these statements and find out what interest they have in the business.

"I ask you to think for yourselves consider the question of drink, face the proposition fairly and squarely and decide for yourself and children."

LABOR MAN'S FRIEND

Dr. Yeomans introducing Mr. Simpson said that a great deal had been heard about him during the past week. But sticks are always found under a good tree.

"He is the labor man's friend, he has their confidence and has earned it.

Mr. Simpson was given an enthusiastic welcome as he stepped forward MR. SIMPSON HONORED BY LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

"I fear now what is said about me. All that a man needs is a clear conscience and the consciousness of doing his best for his fellow men.

"I do not intend to speak on behalf of any individual labor organization, but I do intend to do my duty as a citizen.

"I have the distinction of being elected at Vancouver to represent the entire labor movements of Canada at the British Trades and Labor Congress."

The working men of Toronto have unanimously endorsed his candidature. O. the board of control, he said, is erasing away the charge which had been made that he did not represent labor. He was sorry to have to refer to himself but the insinuating lies had to be answered.

"From my close study of the liquor traffic in all its ramifications, I say that I cannot say one good thing in the moral or financial sphere to warrant its continuance in Belleville or any other place.

LOCAL OPTION TRULY DEMOCRATIC

"When you discuss local option you are discussing one of the most democratic measures of legislation ever introduced on the statute book." It allows the public to force a vote and opens the public forum to the discussion of the pros and cons. And when the vote is taken nothing can prevent what you say shall be from being law. This is democracy and for that reason he was in favor of it.

ORGANIZED LABOR FAVORS LOCAL OPTION.

The cause which we are fighting for is one of which we need not be ashamed. If any one says labor is not in favor of local option, he does not represent the true side of labor.

Can the labor movement stand on the foundation of local option when the liquor traffic is giving employment to a few men? Yes, Labor stands for the greatest good to the greatest number and not to allow the few to profit by the ruin of many.

The speaker referred to the reformation of men by the prison farm in Toronto. But 26 guards under the old

prison system were thrown out of a job. Would any say go back to the strip suits and armed guards to give these men back their jobs? NO NOT ONE.

He had never had a labor man come to him and wish that the war would go on for ever in order that he might earn larger wages. Neither is it of interest to the people that the liquor traffic should go on because some men are making their living in it.

ANSWER TO MODERATION ARGUMENT.

Mr. Simpson gave his argument against the moderate drinker's argument. When moderation benefits the system, it is good. The thing that is essentially good will with excess cause trouble.

"But you cannot classify liquor as harmful or necessary because neither in moderation or excess is it of any benefit to man."

MEDICAL TESTIMONY AGAINST BOOZE

Dr. Hastings, M.O.H. of Toronto, recently issued a bulletin on three vicious habits forming drugs, morphine, cocaine, and alcohol. The greatest was alcohol. It brings loss of vitality and predisposes men to disease. Alcohol is being used less and less in medicine. Medical departments of the municipal services in the States are hampering at liquor. Medical science says alcohol assimilates more easily with the brain than anything else. The brain is divided into three parts: controlling the intellectual and moral faculties, the muscles and the respiratory nerves.

A man under the influence of liquor acts as if he wants to fight or make himself the center of attraction. With more liquor he cannot navigate an eight foot sidewalk. These are effects. What are the causes? Ask yourself fairly. Then if a man drinks more and more, he creeps away and tarrows himself down in a barn and in the morning is found dead. What killed him? The answer is drink.

"Do you mean to tell me the drunkard is able to fight his battles with words and democratic liberty? Do you ask me to come and help the liquor men that reduce men to these states?"

When the Sault fight was on, the officials of the Michigan railroad urged men to vote against local option. Why? Because the officials knew if the men drank, they could keep their nose down to the grandstand of a paltry wage.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC A POLITICAL TURNCOAT.

The liquor traffic pours more money in political coffers than any other body and can change from one party to another. They care nothing for everything decent and democratic. They do not know how to fight fair. I don't know anything that can represent a snake as well as the liquor men. They know no politics.

DRINKING NO WAY TO FACE TROUBLE

The working man who says he must go to the bar and drown his sorrow is not fighting as he should fight. What we need in the labor world is a virile laboring world.

FIGHTING FOR A PRINCIPLE

Frances Willard said that minorities were the greatest forces.

"You men, who believe in principle, never fear to stand alone, if you feel you are fighting for humanity."

In the United States they are wiping out 44 licenses every day. Then they say the more prohibition, the more liquor is sold.

LIES OF LIQUOR TRAFFIC

"They know they are lying. They know that many municipalities have grown in wealth and civic purity because the bar has been wiped out. They know that the poor chap who has gone down, if he environment is changed can again rise his head."

"We have not treated humanity fair. Our agricultural societies educate better conditions for the hog and cow and give a better physical environment so that breeds may improve."

"Then cannot we do it for the little fellow who is coming up and will some day be a man. Let the father who has no thought of others think of his boy and if he has none think of the little lad, who has no father."

WHAT LIQUOR DOES TO THE HOME

Liquor strikes at the home, the education of the child and sends the girl early to the factory. It breaks up the domestic life and brings the boy into the juvenile court.

"We spent \$103,000,000 a year in this country in booze. The government gets \$18,000,000 revenue. Then they say that this revenue is an equivalent for the money spent."

The man who puts the day's wage over the open bar knows he does not get value for his money.

\$250,000 SPENT ANNUALLY IN BELLEVILLE

\$250,000 is spent per year in your town and you think you are getting an equivalent in the \$2,500 revenue. Do you think that the men would not buy more groceries, better carpets if the bar were not open?

Mr. Simpson dealt with what might be accomplished with the \$103,000,000 spent annually in liquor. If twenty-eight million were put in banks and the balance of 75 million employed in different enterprises (a) foodstuffs manufacture (b) clothing, soap, boots, etc.; (c) furniture, books and monuments—25 millions in each.

25 millions in foodstuffs would give employment to 2,695 men, with an annual wage account of \$737,000 and the use of nine million dollars worth of raw material.

The 25 millions, employed in clothing, boot and shoe manufacture would yield wages of about \$2,000,000 annually and require between six and seven millions of dollars worth of raw material.

The furniture, book and monument trades would employ 8,000 people, with year wages of three and a half millions and require between three and four millions of raw material. The 75 millions would employ 17,

\$70 as against 3,488 employed by the liquor trade. It would give 7 millions in wages instead of two millions in the liquor trade wages. It would require 18 millions of raw material as against 7 millions required for liquor manufacture.

The whole 103 millions of the annual expenditure in liquor would if invested in industrial enterprises employ \$21,115 against 3,488 of the liquor trade, an increase of 17,827.

Such was the economical analysis presented by Mr. Simpson of the colossal waste by consumption of liquor.

"We are foolish when we allow this capital to go into the liquor trade when it would be productive in other enterprises."

"When the ants say that a town or city will be poorer under local option they know they are lying."

PROGRESS IN DRY KANSAS

Kansas' Governor says prohibition has grown in power since its adoption nearly a generation ago. In 48 counties there were no prisoners in the jails and 80 counties sent no insane last year to asylums. For years more than a dozen counties have had no juries to try crimes. Kansas has the lowest death rate in the world. Bank deposits have more than doubled under prohibition. The per capita wealth is \$1,700, the greatest in the American Union. The consumption of booze is \$1.25 per head per annum as against \$21 the American average. Illiteracy has been reduced to the lowest in the United States.

The bonded debt of Kansas is only \$370,000 while Toronto with one-third of the population has a debenture debt of 92 millions.

Local option will not increase taxes. "If you spent the \$250,000 in something else than liquor in Belleville, what profits for all will result."

"You can stand all that kind of 'ruin' in Belleville" (laughter.)

SCIENCE IS AGAINST BOOZE.

The human race has made wonderful advance in the past century with 117 new sciences to its credit. We have a more rational basis for our beliefs, our actions today. Humanity is unfolding and is gripping in its power.

"It is because of our knowledge of the biology of the brain, that we do not need to speak of the temperance side of the issue, but stand upon the scientific. Do not let it be said you refused to mark another mile stone of human progress and wipe out the traffic. The prohibition movement is increasing in power."

"The liquor interests may cry out, but the cry will die upon their lips." The speaker closed with the words of the poem

"God give us men."

As he took his seat, deafening cheers rent the air. He had struck a popular chord. As he left the platform to go to the station to take the 4:35 train to Toronto he was applauded again and again. The meeting broke up with the singing of "God Save the King."

Outside the theater later men gathered in bunches and everywhere the same remark—"The greatest speech I ever heard."

Empire Players Tonight

The Empire Players open a week's engagement at the Griffin Opera House tonight, giving three changes of plays during the week. The company is chiefly made up of artists well known in this city—Mrs. Adelaide Seord and her two talented daughters, Vera and Thelma; Jack Quinn, D.O. Seord, for many years connected with the late Harry Lindley, E. H. Stauffer, well known here as actor and vocalist, Mr. Ed DeValde and Mr. Stan Standon are new to the city but will no doubt win favor before the week is over.

Suffered For More Than Two Years

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Quebec Man Took His Wife's Advice And is Now Enjoying a New Lease of Health.

Ste. Marguerite Bay Mills, Saguenay Co., Quebec, Dec. 20th.—"Special." "Yes you can tell the public the great relief I got from Dodd's Kidney Pills." The speaker was Mr. Joseph Gagne, a well known resident of this place and he has every reason to be enthusiastic over the great Canadian Kidney remedy.

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Dodd's Kidney Pills make their users enthusiastic because they not only cure the particular ailment aimed at but they spread good health all over the body. They do this by curing the kidneys. Cured kidneys strain all the impurities out of the blood. That means pure blood and new health all over the body.

Died.

WAY.—At Louisville, Kentucky, at the home of her son-in-law, J. H. Ellis, early on the morning of Friday, Dec. 24th, 1915, Jane Eleanor Way, widow of Joseph F. Way, aged 83 years and 11 mos.

Funeral held today from the residence of Mr. Charles H. MacMullen, 249 Coleman street. d27-1td

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