

These are the facts, so it will be seen that Owen Sound is a far better comparison for Chatham than Galt. Chatham and Owen Sound are more parallel cases.

In Galt many merchants—big merchants—were found to be opposed to Local Option as it works in Galt. The police magistrate says it does some people good and others harm. He also added as an opinion that if men are sober only when they can't get a drink the proper thing would be to lock up the drunkards.

Galt's growth is attributed by the Local Optionists to the fact that the bars are closed. Preston is growing, too, however, and Berlin beats them both, and the bars are open in Preston and Berlin, so there seems to be very little in this argument.

There are some men in Galt who supported Local Option who are opposed to it now. Mr. Keyes, the Chief of the Fire Department and the proprietor of a livery stable in Galt, said that "it made a bar-room out of his stable." He said he puts to bed in his stables on an average of four drunken men a week—men, he says, who would not get drunk under the license system. They get drunk because they now buy a bottle whereas formerly they bought a drink.

Other men can be found who say that Local Option is all right in Galt.

So this is the evidence as it was received, and we have tried to give it out in a fair, reasonable and honest report. It is by no means a one-sided question. We agree with Rev. Dr. Daniel, of Owen Sound, that it is a question upon which even ardent Christian men hold opposite views, and it is something that men should figure out for themselves in their own minds, after a careful consideration of all the information it is possible to gain on the question. Exaggerated statements should be disregarded and extravagant claims should be eliminated on both sides. A man can be a true temperance man and still oppose Local Option. It is—as we have stated before—purely a question of whether or not Local Option answers the cause of real temperance reform.

As long as whiskey is MANUFACTURED it WILL be sold and it WILL be consumed. The only way in which temperance reform can be brought about is through