

If you have heard any wild rumors lately that the speed limit is being recklessly trifled with on the Bay of Quinte railway, don't believe a word. All such reports arise out of a spirit of malice and a desire to injure business by preventing the timid from travelling by this route.

summer or by ice in winter, the searcher for cold tea has to travel only three miles. Then at body still, or Bridgewater, as everybody still persists in calling it, there is another thriving boomtown and only five miles away. If these were both closed, as they are now, it would have it if it is convenient but who not go very far for it, say to Belleville. This same class would not be likely to have it shipped in for they wouldn't have the money to pay for it in advance."

Trade Will Not Leave Good Town

As we stopped at Stoco, a man came into the first-class coach who had apparently been quenching a horrible thirst with the satisfying liquid that is still dispensed in that enterprising burg. After a prolonged search he produced his ticket and sent the conductor on his way. Then he settled himself at ease and brought forth a capacious black pipe and started to light it. He was politely informed by an athletic-looking gentleman, who was seated beside him, that smoking in the first-class coach was prohibited by the rules and regulations. But the thirsty one never noticing the protest went on and lighted his nicotine and soon all the ladies seated about were bathed in the beautiful, azure-tinted haze. Upon arriving at Tweed he left the train and disappeared with uncertain strides amid the friendly gloom of a convenient side street.

Tweed is Exceedingly Prosperous.
A tour through the business section of Tweed and the sight of the stock-stocked stores, with salesmen waiting on customers, and the talk about the residential section where fine, commodious homes are

Talk of Local Option Repeal.
Twice passed the local option by the town in January 1908. There were at least seven votes to the good when the Three-Fifths demand was satisfied. Five years later those in favor of license brought on a contest for repeal. Local option was sustained by a slightly increased majority. It would be possible under the statute to bring on another contest in January.

now. There has been a great improvement in regard to sobriety."

Five Cases of Drunkenness.
Dr. Bowley, ex-reeve of the town, now discharges the duties of magistrate. He talked to us very interestingly of his experiences with local option and of past experiences when he was a member of the county council.

That business was good in Tweed was the evidence of Mr. D. Morrison, who conducts a large general store. "Sometimes I think local option is a benefit," said Mr. Morrison, "at other times I think it an injury. Perhaps there are some farmers who have gone to Madoc because of local option at Tweed, but on the other hand there are others I believe who have come to do their trading at

For those who wish to remain peaceably picketed, there is no longer any hope. This fact was recently brought out in the evidence of its leading citizens. But if the desire is merely to become sporadically sophisticated the proposition is very easy.

When we asked Mr. McCann his opinion about the stirring question of the hour, he said, "To put it in a nutshell, my impression is that local option has been an improvement. There is less drunkenness. I haven't seen a drunken man in weeks. We used sometimes to see under license intoxicated men on Sunday. Whatever else I was I always liked to see the Sabbath day respected."

"It was estimated that in the year before local option passed, the hotels and the liquor store at Tweed took in \$56,000. That went into the hands of half-a-dozen men. A large part of the money that was spent in that way is now distributed in general trade over the town."

Mr. P. K. Newton, druggist, was for 15 years the leading magistrate at Tweed. During the term of his

"It is now more quiet around the hotels," said Mr. J. G. Frost who has for many years conducted a furniture and undertaking business here. "There is now no disorder on Third street night. There are no loafers. As far as I can hear, every merchant is doing a better business than before."

more in connection. It is easy to see that it is doing a successful business. At the time of our visit he scarcely had time to pause from the work of filling orders to answer our queries. He considered it a great improvement. The town had improved in many ways. Collections were better. There was greater satisfaction in dealing with a sober, thrifty population. They were never bothered with drunken men any more.

F. A. Bartlett, who has a large and prosperous drug store regarded local option as an advantage from a business standpoint. He was satisfied that both the moral and the business conditions of the town were better under local option. He thought the "farm term" was driven away at least for a while. He depends charged for the same reason. The town was changed when the temperance people took over one of the hotels.

The whole question of process among the heavy-draughts and charged full traffic rates. Probably the keen-visioned bonifaces sized up the bill according to the inroads we made on the commissariat.

Notes.

Tweed has a chief of police who also performs the duties of post en-

Trade Better Than In 1914.

Mr. C. F. Fawcett, who has one of the largest and best equipped hardware stores in the district thought personally that local authorities had done better than in 1914.

Through a chapter of accidents we failed to secure an interview with Chief Molyneux.

License Inspector Stokes was in Belleville attending the meeting of the Commission. We therefore did not see him.

Decided Improvement.

Mr. R. F. Houston, president of Tweed board of trade, ex-reeve of village, president of the Houston company Ltd., builders, contractors, manufacturers of sashes, doors interior fittings etc., and the large employers of labor in Tweed, said that the best evidence that he

Lack of time did not permit us to see others of the business men, much as we would like to have done so

Tweed is considering the installation of an ambitious waterworks and fire-protection system.

Tweed has in The Advocate one of the brightest and newest weekly papers in Ontario.

The News is also a creditable paper with large circulation.

Tweed's situation, with the expanse of lake and river and the Laurentian hills surrounding, is a most charming one.

Nicer Doing Business Now. A somewhat broken, though rich and prosperous agricultural and dairying district surrounds.

Tweed's real growth dated from the arrival of the railways, the C.P. and the B. of Q. It is now an important shipping center, particularly for cheese and live stock.

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of a single farmer whose trade been taken away on account of I option, but I do know of farmers now come and pay cash for ds who wouldn't be likely to pay re had licenses."

Mr. and Mrs. W. Broadworth and Mr. and Mrs. John Farrell of Stirling were guests at Joe Bellack's birthday party.

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