

against" when he goes to investigate the working of Local Option there, and on this account considerable dependence must be placed upon the opinions of men who have been there all the time—men who are certainly in a position to know, and men who are in every way representative and responsible citizens.

The Planet representative also visited Galt. Here conditions were found to be quite different than they are in Owen Sound. It is admitted that there are no blind pigs in Galt. The hotel keepers are not breaking the law, and very little liquor is sold in Galt. The Police Court convictions have not been affected one way or the other since Local Option passed. The matter of the assessment and reduction in tax receipts is too small to be considered at all. Business is not injured, and Galt is growing as a prosperous Ontario town. People are pretty well satisfied and there is not much agitation over the question of temperance. If there is one large community in Ontario where Local Option should work well it is Galt.

And of course there is a reason for this. Galt's "salvation" is Preston, a little town three miles away, where liquor is sold under the license system. Since Local Option passed in Galt, the number of fares on the electric railway running between Galt and Preston has increased by about 18,000 a month. The young men and the drinkers make regular excursions to Preston, where they drink and get drunk. Special policemen have been placed on the late cars returning to Galt, for the purpose of preserving law and order. Since Local Option carried in Galt the railway has inaugurated a half hour service between the two towns to accommodate the excursionists who go to Preston to drink booze. Preston merchants encourage this traffic by offering to return the fifteen cent car fare on all purchases. The police court records for drunks in Preston has trebled as a result of Galt men getting drunk in Preston. Mr. Barnhart, who formerly ran a liquor store in Galt, now runs a liquor store in Preston, and he makes as high as four deliveries a day in Galt, delivering to private individuals. He has established a motor truck service between the two towns to facilitate the easy importation of liquor to Galt.