

and every business man who is in sympathy with good morals is very anxious for a continuation of the same.

Property is increasing in value, as sales for the last few years will prove to be the case. The accommodation is all that can be desired. The village is free from rowdiness, and seldom do we see a man the worse of liquor. Liquor and trouble always go hand in hand."

To show the sentiment of the rate-

payers the temperance committee submitted the following for signature:

"We, the undersigned ratepayers of the village of Arkona, are strongly of the opinion that Local Option has been beneficial to the social and moral interests of the village, and desire continuance of the same."

With the result that there has been secured over ninety bona fide signatures. Some who are away from the village would readily sign if they were here.

Results in Alabama

(Associated Prohibition Press Dispatches.)

The first year of local prohibition in the chief industrial district in the State of Alabama witnessed the greatest building operations ever known in the history of Birmingham, a city of about 50,000 population.

The amount of foreign capital invested in this district exceeded by several millions the record made during the previous year, when the saloons were legalized.

According to the official records:

Crime was reduced more than 50 per cent.

Accidents were greatly decreased.

The health of the community was improved.

Predictions that many desirable laborers would go away as a result of prohibition did not materialize.

Neither did the warning that labor conditions would be such as to retard industrial progress.

Under prohibition the district experienced no difficulty in getting ample desirable labor.

Such were the conditions when the last inventory was made concerning local prohibition in this district.

Business and Commercial Prosperity Under State Prohibition

But during the past seven months, under State-wide prohibition, the Birmingham district showed even more favorable results.

Leading bankers and industrial men estimate that the investment of foreign capital increased about a million and three-quarters over the same period of the previous year, and something like two and one-quarter million larger than for the corresponding period of 1907, when the saloons were in operation.

Industrial activity here has been very much larger since the saloons were abolished.

During the last seven months:

One large railroad system has entered the district.

Noticeable improvements in city railway construction have been made.

A million-dollar hotel has been financed, \$800,000 of the capital being subscribed by eastern financiers.

Three new banks were opened for business, with a total capitalization of \$300,000.

The bank clearings of the city for seven months show an increase over