

not had a case of alcoholism under treatment, which goes to prove that there has been very little excessive drinking.

(Signed) W. C. GILCHRIST, M.D.

We believe Local Option, as enforced in Orillia, is a splendid thing for a town of any size.

Hotel accommodation in Orillia is better now than when under license, and we are satisfied that a hotel will pay larger profits without a bar, than a mercantile house.

Property has increased in value in Orillia, and more building operations are going on now than ever before.

Rents have not been lowered, and there are practically no empty houses in town.

The almost entire absence of crime in Orillia speaks well for the moral influence of the Act.

THE ORILLIA HARDWARE CO.

We desire to say from a manufacturers' point of view, that we believe Orillia to be in a far better position without liquor licenses, and that the doing away with these licenses has been to the advantage of the town.

Yours truly,

THE TUDHOPE CARRIAGE CO., LTD.

I believe that Local Option in Orillia has not been in any way detrimental to its business, and it has vastly improved its moral tone and sobriety.

I cannot call to mind a single customer from the adjacent country whom we have lost through the effect of Local Option, and I know of many who prefer this town to others as affording less temptation to their sons.

THE NORTHWAY CO., LTD.,

Per Thos. H. Grant, Mgr.

Richmond Hill Village.

This is another of the places in which the liquor men vainly tried in January, 1909, to secure the repeal of Local Option. The following statement concerning conditions was made shortly before the voting by Rev. A.

Philip Brace, President of the Citizens' Temperance Committee. It was a summary of what was said by prominent citizens at a public meeting, and Mr. Brace cordially endorsed it:

A census recently taken of the business men revealed the fact that, in spite of the financial stringency, nearly all felt that business had not been injured by Local Option. One after another in speaking of the effects of Local Option say: "More business, more ready cash, less book accounts, and old debts paid off." In two instances debts of ten years' standing have been cleaned up. A few said that while they were not conscious that they had more business, conditions as above stated were more favorable. Saturday evenings now show nothing of rowdiness. It is an unusual event for anyone to be put in our lock-up—unless it be tramps, coming from places where there are bar-rooms needing a night's resting place.

The most striking benefit is seen on our Fair Day, May 24th. Where formerly with three bar-rooms, seven constables have been needed, now with NO bars we need NO constables, and on the 24th of May, though thronged with people, our village is peaceable and happy.

Arkona Village

Arkona is one of the villages in which the liquor party made a strenuous effort to secure the repeal of Local Option in January, 1909, and failed as they did in the twenty-six other places in which they tried, and in which Local Option had before secured a majority. Before the voting the following statement was made by Mr. Jno. L. Fuller, a prominent and influential resident of the village:

Three years ago Local Option was carried in Arkona by a majority vote. We believe the measure has given very general satisfaction. These three years can be counted as the most successful—socially, morally, and financially—in the history of the village.