

PAID ADVERTISEMENT.

An Appeal to Business Men of Watford.

224 of the farmers and friends of Local Option in the vicinity of Watford, who trade with the business men of Watford, have placed their signatures to the following earnest appeal:—

"We, the undersigned patrons of Watford, being convinced of the benefits of Local Option and of the ravages of strong drink, earnestly petition the ratepayers of the Village to close the hotel bars. We who have families prefer doing business where such temptation is removed."

The petition can be seen in the office of the Clerk.

WATFORD COUNCIL.

Watford, Dec. 15th, 1911.  
Adjourned regular meeting of Council. All the members present.

No objection to minutes as read, Reeve confirmed same.

Brown—Williams, that communication of John Daziel, County Clerk, be received and filed.—Carried.

Brown—Graham, that Financial Statement of Treasurer be received and Clerk get the usual number printed.—Carried.

Graham—Brown, that we grant our Collector extension for unpaid taxes until 31st December.—Carried.

Finance Committee examined accounts and recommended payment of same.

Geo. Chambers, lumber \$2.89, electric light \$57.50.....\$70.39

J. W. McLaren, Treas. Oddfellows' hall rent for Court.....24.00

Wm. Marwick, repairs arch Fire Hall.....1.00

W. S. Fuller, services re local option.....5.00

Geo. R. Rivers, the Williams div. 1.07

Alex. Cameron, salary as Collector and postage.....37.75

Wm. McLay, salary Treas., Statement and postage.....49.00

Robt. Fleming, 4 loads gravel.....2.00

T. B. Taylor, part rent hall Medical Association.....4.00

Guide-Advocate, printing \$18.75, local option by-law and ballots \$18.32.....37.07

Brown—Williams, that accounts be passed and Reeve grant his order.—Carried.

Willoughby—Graham, that minutes be read and adopted.—Carried.

Willoughby—Graham, that we adjourn.—Carried.

W. S. FULLER, Clerk.

ARKONA.

Mr. Ed. Huborn is spending his Xmas vacation with friends in Stratford.

A fresh supply of oranges, candies and nuts for New Year's.—Brown Bros.

Don't miss hearing the "London Male Quartette" and Miss Newbury, Teacher of Elocution, London, on New Year's night in Baptist Church.

Mr. Ed. Bartlett, who has spent the past three years in Alberta, arrived here last week to spend a month's well earned vacation. Ed. is the owner of a quarter section six miles from Coronation.

Mrs. Thomas Macpherson, accompanied by her two young daughters, left on Wednesday last to spend several weeks with her brother, Mr. Thomas H. Dunn, C. E., Winchester, Ont. She will also visit relatives in Cornwall, Ont., before returning home.

Xmas visitors in town:—Lloyd Jackson, of Toronto; Dr. Fred Stoner and wife, Adrian, Mich.; Miss Reta Fair, London; Frank Ross and family, Port Huron; Mr. Cornell, Toronto; Herb George and family, Ottawa; Miss Alta Rook, London; Arthur Bates, Niagara Falls; Walter Bates, Toronto; Miss Lulu Edmunds, Huntsville; C. Edmunds, London; Miss M. Weldon, Harrow; Miss Kate Pedden, Detroit; Mr. Crouse and daughters, London; Miss Julia Thoman, Brantford.

The following are the nominations for municipal honors:—Reeveship.—James Jackson, John L. Fuller, Lorenzo Evans, C. J. Ready, Councillors.—Thos. Langgan, Fred Nelson, John L. Brown, A. Augustine, W. J. Evans, Jos. Jaynes, Ben Harrington. Trustees.—Dr. Copeland, Wes Lucas and Robt. Crawford. The contest for the Reeveship is between Lorenzo Evans and James Jackson. The Councillors—Thos. Langgan, W. J. Evans, Jos. Jaynes and John Brown are in by acclamation. Also trustees are in by acclamation.

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Campbellford Citizens Protest Against Local Option.

The following reproduction of a protest against Local Option signed by leading citizens of Campbellford is only one evidence of the anti-Local Option movement which has been gaining tremendously during the last year. The prohibition movement in the United States is fast dying out and Local Option in Ontario has been found so unsatisfactory that it is predicted by prohibition supporters themselves that it will soon go the way of the old Scott Act.

Campbellford, April 12th, 1910.

To whom it may concern:—

We, the undersigned citizens of Campbellford, have weighed Local Option in the balance and found it wanting, excess in liquor selling here seems on the increase, business has left the place and the law is certainly undesirable.

(Signed by eighteen of the leading business men).

A vote against Local Option is true patriotism. Don't be swayed by sentimental appeals based on mis-statements and error of judgment. You know what Local Option has done to other towns and that it is not best for the community. Vote for sanity and Common Sense Administration of your laws.

Colborne Citizens Against Local Option.

Local Option has proved a failure in Colborne as it has in every other place in which it has been tried. The papers are full of reports from Local Option places of illegal selling. Blind pigs. Increased drunkenness. Bad moral conditions. Loss of trade. Increased taxes. Crime. Again and again foremost citizens, even temperance workers, declare for the return of properly enforced license in place of present intolerable conditions.

Below is reproduced a copy of a recently signed statement by leading Colborne citizens. Letters from people in other places tell an equally strong story.

Colborne, April 21st, 1910.

To whom it may concern:—

We, the undersigned, freely acknowledge that Local Option has proven unsatisfactory; business has gone to other towns, accommodation for farmers and others is not as good as under license, and men and boys are using liquor more freely than when there was a license law in force. Ale, etc., have almost disappeared, and liquor seems to have taken its place.

(Signed by the leading business men to the number of twenty-seven).

As Local Option has worked in other places, so it will work in your town if carried. Drinking among boys. Perjury and lying. More drunkenness. Internal dissensions. Higher taxes. More crime.

Hobbs—Holbrook.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Connor, Elgin St., Alvinston, Thursday morning, when the latter's sister, Miss Laura Violet Holbrook and Norman L. Hobbs, of Alpena, Mich., were married in the presence of immediate relatives only. Rev. John Morrison, of "Alnwick House," Sarnia, formerly pastor of the Methodist church, Alvinston, was the officiating minister and the bride and groom were attended. The drawing rooms were prettily decorated with carnations, and the service was performed under an arch of flowers. The wedding march was played by Miss Sarah McPhail. The bride's dress was a white embroidered net and she carried a shower bouquet of roses. After a sumptuous dinner the happy young couple left via G.T.R. for Loraine, Ohio, and points in the States, the bride traveling in a suit of navy serge with pearl grey hat. The groom's gift to the bride was a lovely set of furs and to the pianist a gold signet ring. Among the out-of-town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs, of Watford, and Miss Mary Henderson, of Sarnia. Mrs. Hobbs, who was one of Alvinston's most popular girls, will be greatly missed. On their return they will reside in Alpena.

A Call by the Reeve to Discuss LOCAL OPTION.

In compliance with a special request made by the prohibitionist in the Guide-Advocate, and, and because I thought advisable to be discussed at the nominations, I have decided to call a Public Meeting in The Lyceum

—ON—  
Friday, Dec. 29th,

at 8 o'clock p.m.  
at which one hour and 15 minutes will be given to each side to discuss this important question.

S. STAPLEFORD, REEVE.

WISBEACH.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson spent Christmas at Sylvan.

Wm. and Roy Brush spent Christmas at their home here.

Mr. Geo. Iles has purchased a handsome driver from James Callahan, Petrolia.

David Hawkins, Petrolia, is spending the holidays with his brother George here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Conkey spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. Thoman of Arkona.

A very pleasant evening was spent Dec. 20th, in the school-house of S. S. No. 10, when the people of the section gathered together for a social evening. A good program was given by the pupils and others of the section, Mr. Jim McIntosh acting as chairman. The program was followed by lunch which was much enjoyed by all. The rest of the evening was taken up with a very interesting spelling match between the people of the section, the captains being Harry Williams and Eugene Williams. The side of the latter won out, the last to remain up being Miss Brown. A vote of thanks was extended Miss Brown for the training she had given the pupils. The large crowd present testified to the interest taken in the school.

BROOKE.

Mr. W. Cummings is home from the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lett, Petrolia, spent Christmas at Mr. Jas. Lett's.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Campbell spent Christmas in Lobo, with the former's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Acton, Kingston, are spending the holidays at their home here.

At the Gueph Fat Stock Show a steer bred and owned by J. F. Oke, of Brooke, won first prize and sweepstakes against a hundred competitors.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Chittick, wife of Wm. Chittick, of Flint, Mich., died at the home of her brother, Mr. Richard Edgar, lot 10, con. 11, on Christmas day, aged 48 years, 10 months and 25 days. Mrs. Chittick was ill for about seven weeks. The funeral took place Wednesday morning to Stratford cemetery.

Report of S.S. No. 10 Brooke, for December. IV. Class—Albert Reid, Norman Wilson. III. Class—Myrtle Walters, Clarence Lewis, Rachel McLean, Geo. Reid, Ed. Lewis, Gordon Bowie. II. Class—Vera Kersey, Hazel Bowie, John Hair, Willie Clothier, Henry Miller. Part II.—Gordon Miller, Alex. McLean. Sr. Part I.—Cassie McLean, Erna Clothier. Jr. Part I.—May Reid, John Clothier, Willie Clothier.—H. M. DOLBEAR, Teacher.

PLYMPTON.

A very pleasing entertainment was held at S. S. No. 17, Plympton, on the evening of Dec. 21st. Mr. Duncan Whyte of Bosanquet, occupied the chair and greatly pleased the audience with his cheerful manner and laughable joke. The music, dialogues, etc., were well rendered. An address was read by Miss Minnie Cans, and Miss Isla Stidman presented a Miss Roche, their teacher, with a beautiful "Lady's Companion" the gift of her pupils.

INWOOD.

Sandy Elliot, of Harrow, is spending the holidays at his home near Inwood.

John Lindsay is visiting his mother in Glenoe. Miss Johanna Lindsay left last week to spend a month with friends in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown spent Christmas with friends in Thamesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Grieve Elliot, and Miss Annie Elliot of Calgary, are visiting their parents on the 14th con.

Miss Matilda Lehrbass, of London Normal School, is spending the holidays at the home of her parents.

Mr. James Lowrie, of Toronto University, is spending the holidays at his home near the Village.

Will Aylesworth and Will Galloway spent Christmas with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Thomas spent Christmas with their son, Dr. Thomas, North Branch, Mich.

Mr. Chas. Wilkes attended the marriage of his brother near Melbourne last Wednesday.

Mr. T. J. Oakes had an auction sale last Saturday and disposed of his entire stock of furniture, which sold at a good price. Mr. Oakes is going out of business and has rented his large store to H. F. Aylesworth & Son, for a harness shop.

The Sunday School entertainments held last Wednesday and Friday evenings in the Orange Hall were both well patronized, and consisted of recitations, dialogues, drills and music by the children, which were all well rendered and the committees deserve great credit for the pains they took in training the children, although the roads and weather were so disagreeable for them to get in to practice.

The marriage took place on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, of Mr. Alfred Wilkes of this place, to Miss Annie Hardy, of Melbourne. Owing to the illness of the bride's sister the wedding was a very quiet one. Mr. Wilkes' many friends extend hearty congratulations.

THE STERLING BANK OF CANADA

A SIX MONTHS' COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Compiled from Government report showing increases in Deposits and Assets—a tribute to careful and conservative management.

| DEPOSITS                  | ASSETS                    |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Beginning of Bank's Year. | Beginning of Bank's Year. |
| May.....\$4,491,638.53    | May.....\$6,782,232.39    |
| June.....4,506,461.17     | June.....6,851,100.40     |
| July.....4,634,383.26     | July.....7,022,990.33     |
| Aug.....4,722,558.22      | Aug.....7,172,588.59      |
| Sept.....4,792,310.28     | Sept.....7,279,543.14     |
| October.....5,096,297.63  | October.....7,707,370.12  |

THE INDUSTRIAL MORTGAGE & SAVINGS CO. SARNIA, ONT.

DIVIDEND NO. 43

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of three and one quarter per cent. for the current half year, being at the rate of six and one half per cent. per annum on the paid up capital stock of this Institution has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the office of the Company, 181 Front St., Sarnia, Ont., or at any Branch of the Traders' Bank in Canada on and after the 2nd day of January, 1912, to shareholders of record at the close of business on the 15th of December.

The Stock Books will be closed from 15th to 31st Dec., 1911

D. N. SINCLAIR, Manager.

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WALTHAM, Ladies' Gold Filled Hunting, Guaranteed.....\$10.00

WALTHAM, Girls' Open Face, Gold Filled, Guaranteed.....\$8.40

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A Grand Stock of Fine Manufactured Shoes—Exclusive Styles.

Every day we are adding to our display with Newest Lasts.

NEW ARRIVALS.—The newest in Gentlemen's Gunmetal Velour Calf and Pat. Buttoned and Laced Shoes, made on Spring (1912) Lasts.

Ladies' Fine Shoes, new arrivals.

Slippers—a good display this week.

Buy Early and Bring Your Friends.

A Happy New Year to All.

THE WATFORD SHOE PARLOR.

J. WHITE.

BORN.

At Kellher, Sask., on Saturday, Dec. 16, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Howden, a daughter.—Sylvia Kathleen.

MARRIED.

At the bride's home, Warwick, on Christmas Day by the Rev. R. Stevenson, pastor of the Congregational Church, Miss Mary Alice Butler, to Mr. Richard Moore.

We thank our customers for their patronage during the year and wish one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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