

streets now more than formerly. It leads men to take false oaths, and has a bad effect morally. He thought licensed hotels would further the temperance cause better than Local Option as it works in Owen Sound. Archie Hay, President and Managing Director of the Northwestern Chair Company, with 600 workmen on his pay roll, said the men who are in favor of Local Option were men who were not out at nights to see what was going on. The men who know the ropes know that Local Option is a failure as a temperance measure. He said he knew from personal knowledge that it was a failure. "Ask the employers of labor," said he, "and find out the difficulty they have with their men since Local Option passed." Mr. Hay told of a contractor in his factory who voted for Local Option. Some of the men under this contractor were "boozers." When they had licenses and any of his men got drunk he knew where to go to get them to take them home and straighten them away. Now these men get drunk in blind pigs, and, instead of being off a day or two, they are off the job for weeks at a time, and the contractor doesn't know where to find them. That contractor, who was an earnest advocate of Local Option when it was first brought up, is now utterly opposed to it. Ex-Mayor Matthew Kennedy, in business in Owen Sound for fifty years, said there was too much theory in Local Option and not enough practicability. He had had more trouble with his men being drunk since Local Option passed than he had formerly. Two or three of his men had been off since election night. He did not say that the same might not occur under a license system, but the trouble has by no means been reduced. Local Option has failed in Owen Sound to measure up to the standard set for it by its champions. Mr. Kennedy admitted the evils of intemperance, but he thought the license system if properly worked would regulate it better than Local Option. When Local Option passed, there were four policemen. Now there are six required to enforce the law. Mayor Lemon said personally he was opposed to Local Option, "bone and sinew." He thought it was a poor temperance measure. Owing to the fact that as Mayor he represents both factions, he did not wish to give an interview in his official capacity as Mayor. A large number of the merchants