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any personal prejudices he may have had entirely eliminated—to describe those conditions as they were found. He was also instructed to interview representative citizens, to obtain their views on this subject in dispute, and to report such statements as they were given to him. In this article he will attempt to give in a fair way and reasonable manner, a straightforward and honest fulfillment of his assignment.

In the first place, there is no possible argument in favor of Whiskey.

Big thinking men the world over are agreed on this point. Whiskey is a curse, and there is no denying the fact. Now the question comes, what is the most effective way of dealing with that curse and what action should be taken to most successfully CONTROL the misery that it creates? So that in this election, the question of temperance is not directly at stake. Most men ARE believers in temperance. The whole question is whether or not Local Option is a good TEMPERANCE measure, and whether or not it ANSWERS the purpose to which all temperance men and women are striving.

Under Local Option, the public bars are closed, and all liquor stores are closed. If any man wishes to have liquor in his house for his own use, he may order it from a licensed town, and the liquor may be shipped in to him, but he may not offer it for sale, nor keep it in his possession with the intention of selling it.

So that this clears up one point. Local Option does not keep liquor out of the city. It merely prohibits people from SELLING it in the city. Any man can carry as much liquor as he desires into a Local Option district, and the law does not stop him.

The first place visited was Owen Sound—a town that has been much quoted in the present campaign. Owen Sound is a town of some 13,000 inhabitants, about the same size as Chatham. There are not many towns or villages in the immediate vicinity where liquor is sold, and it might very reasonably be pointed to as a concrete example of what Chatham would be under Local Option.

The first impression, after a visit to Owen Sound, is that Local Option DOES NOT injure the business interests of a town.