

would not do this if requested, as no representatives would like to be in the position of refusing to allow the people to vote upon the question.

In a municipality in which licenses are in force a prohibitory by-law will come into operation on the first day of May following its final passing; that is, on the expiration of the existing licenses. It is well, however, to have voting take place as long as possible before the time of the by-law's coming into force. Reasons will readily suggest themselves in favor of such a course.

In many cases it may be the wisest course to petition the municipal council to take action, so as to bring the matter fairly under notice, although the council may take action without this being done. The petition for this purpose may be signed by ratepayers or by residents as deemed best. It may be in the following terms, or to the like effect:

"To the Municipal Council of the.....of.....

GENTLEMEN:

The petition of the undersigned ratepayers of the .....of.....humbly sheweth that,

WHEREAS it is provided by the Statutes of Ontario, 53 Vic., cap. 56, sec. 18, that the council of any municipality may pass by-laws for the prohibiting of the sale of intoxicating liquor within the limits of such municipality, and may submit the same to the electors for ratification, and,

WHEREAS your petitioners believe that the enactment and enforcement of such a by-law would be in the interests of the material and moral welfare of the community.

THEREFORE your petitioners humbly pray that your honorable body will be pleased to pass such a by-law and submit the same to the electors of the.....of.....for ratification, in accordance with the provisions of the said section of the Statutes of Ontario."

The getting of a by-law through the council and attention to the details relating to the same, should be entrusted by temperance workers to the most influential