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THE SITUATION AT BLENHEIM AS SEEN BY THE VISITOR

Visit of Planet Representative to the Thriving Temperance Town—Interview With the People—Premier's Promise to Rev. Mr. Brown.

The bright little town of Blenheim is receiving considerable more than its usual amount of attention just at present, from the fact that not a drop of liquor is allowed to be sold in the place, either over the bar or from a wholesale store.

A Planet representative visited the town yesterday and found matters in a very peculiar shape. True, there is no liquor sold in Blenheim, as far as he was able to find out, but the hotel men of Chatham have still got their licenses, and are still doing business, both local and foreign.

Very bitter feeling prevails in Blenheim. The people, merchants and citizens, are divided into two factions, one for and another against prohibition, and the fight is still hot and spirited. It does not take very much encouragement to start up an argument, but, from the present condition of affairs, the temperance advocates have it much their own way. The hotel men, being unable to procure licenses, have closed their doors to the travelling public, but the Planet man failed to see any pumps boarded up, as was reported. There is no limit to the water in Blenheim.

The temperance people, on the other hand, are doing all in their power to accommodate the travelling public. The basement of the Methodist Church is at the disposal of commercial men who are looking for sample rooms, but it has not yet been used. A large store is being utilized as a sample room and Mrs. Sheldon has re-opened the old Elliott House on temperance lines, and is offering accommodation to travellers. Several private temperance citizens are providing meals and converting their homes into boarding houses, while the restaurants are being closed.

The busman still meets the trains, but instead of calling out "Sheldon House!" as formerly, he calls out, "Rev. Brown's!" "Rev. Gilmore's!" "Private Houses!" In spite of this there is much dissatisfaction among the commercial men, who think that the hotels should not have closed their doors to them, as they are coming to the town on business, and should not suffer because of the quarrels among the citizens themselves.

W. E. Hall, of Blenheim, was one of the travellers who went out yesterday morning. In conversation with The Planet he said:

"Yes, we have got one of the goodliest towns what is. Everything there is now run on the European plan. I never saw so many people on the outs in Blenheim as there is at the present time. I think, though, that in time the licenses will simply have to be given. No town can get along without hotels. I don't see why Stratton had to meddle in the matter. It was none of his business."

"The other day an advance agent for a troupe came around at my house and asked us how many of his people we could accommodate. I didn't have any too many spare beds at the time, when I found out what he wanted, but I understand he got boarding places for all of his troupe and they are now showing in Blenheim and billeted around the town like a Sunday school convention."

"I think the hotels acted perfectly within their rights by closing up," concluded Mr. Hall.

It is understood that some of the troupe applied to Rev. Mr. Brown for lodging, but were unable to get it. As The Planet reporter stepped off the train he saw a crowd of travellers making for the train. They did not look any too happy, and one of them informed him that he had stayed over all night in Chatham in preference to going to Blenheim and had come to Blenheim early in the morning. He had been there for a few hours only and was then on his way out.

An amusing incident happened at the Blenheim station. One man stepped off the car and walking over to a boy standing near said, "Here is some liniment for your employer, handing him a parcel well wrapped up in paper. The young man opened the parcel and sighting the label on the bottle said in an undertone, "The boss will never see this."

Ex-Warden C. L. VonGenten was one of the merchants interviewed. He said—

"The hotels have turned away everyone but their boarders and are completely closed up, but I can't see that my business has been in-

jured as yet. Last Saturday I had the best day that I have had this spring. Last Saturday night the streets were crowded, but I think the hotel men are cutting off their noses to spite their face. There is ample accommodation in the city for 30 or 40 strangers. Rev. Mr. Brown has been the worker here. The other people can't seem to down him. The biggest drawback to the town now is the providing of accommodation. If a temperance house would open up I think you would see that the hotels would open up again. The hotel men's own friends are against them. The reports are very much exaggerated. One traveller said that he had opened up in barns and now he wanted to open up in a church."

Rev. W. E. Kerr, a temperance advocate, was also interviewed. "If it came to a vote again we could easily carry local option. There will be no more licenses in Blenheim. I know that for a fact, for Premier Ross assured Rev. Mr. Brown that he was going to the country on Prohibition. There are a few who boast that they can get liquor, but I think the law is enforced. We are not fighting now because we have nothing now to fight for. I think that hotel men will open again in a short time."

G. Baird, one of Blenheim's most prominent men, said in reference to the situation—

"The hotel men have closed their doors, but I think they have made a mistake. The situation is not so desperate, and I can't see how the business of the town is going to be injured. If the travellers come here they can get accommodation and can sell their goods. I am a temperance man myself and I believe that if you cannot get a whole loaf take half a one, and we have at least done away with the bars and the treating system in Blenheim. It is a funny thing if one good hotel cannot prosper here without bars."

"The Town Council, I think, have made a mistake by giving the by-law a six months' hoist. They gave the people to believe that they would pass the by-law if it carried the election and they have not done it. They have led the people into the costs of an election and the Mayor gave the casting vote against giving the by-law the third reading. If they had declared themselves before the matter came to an issue they would have known what to do. They have, however, acted within their legal right. Ross and Stratton are simply carrying out the will of the majority."

"There was talk about opening up the basement of the church for a sample room, but no one has used it, as some of the people of the church object to it. The people are probably equally divided on the question with the temperance party holding the upper hand. It has caused a lot of ill-feeling, in fact nothing ever happened in the town before that has caused so much ill-feeling. One of the reasons for the ill-feeling is the agreement with Mr. Brown and the liquor men that no votes should be challenged in the election. This was done to avoid hard feeling and it has, on the other hand, caused more. The liquor party now use it as a handle. One traveller who stayed at a private house was well satisfied and said he would, in future, know where to go no matter how many hotels are here."

Rev. G. B. Brown, pastor of the Baptist church, the chief mover, and, in fact the spirit of the temperance party, was the next man interviewed.

Mr. Brown is a man of strong physique, with a very pleasing manner. He is a born fighter from the word "go" and the people of Blenheim have reason to believe that he is not easily downed. Five years ago he went to Blenheim and when he first spoke there he put down a platform to work on. He said that inside of five years he hoped to have his church remodelled and every bar in the town closed up. His five years are not up until next September and he has succeeded in both. He has devoted his whole time to the temperance cause since last January and he has been a strong worker. His congregation are right with him and they feel quite proud of their pastor. Just previous to meeting The Planet reporter Mr. Brown had been attending to business in Harwich. There, there is a move to quash the by-law and the council are allowing

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ENROLLMENT OF MEMBERS

Chatham Philharmonic Association Inaugurate Organization.

Series of Excellent Musical Efforts to Be Undertaken—A Large and Representative Membership.

The Chatham Philharmonic Association is now an organized reality with an evident bright and encouraging future before it. At last evening's meeting the membership book was opened and all the ladies and gentlemen present enrolled their names. By the courtesy of Crown Attorney H. D. Smith, treasurer of the association, the enrollment book will remain open at his offices in Harrison Hall, where all intending members are invited to call and inscribe their names.

The President, his worship Mayor McKeough, presided, and there was a good attendance present at the meeting in the City Council chambers last evening.

The draft of the by-laws, as amended and endorsed by the Executive committee, was presented by the chairman, Dr. R. V. Bray, and duly approved by the Society, and the membership of the Executive committee was duly amended in accordance with the responses received by Secretary Frank D. Laurie to the notices sent out. The membership is large and representative and will comprise the best musical talent available in the Maple City.

The Executive committee met at the close of the general meeting, Dr. Bray presiding.

Mayor McKeough congratulated the Society on the excellent organization and progress made. He bespoke for its efforts a very successful outcome.

Frank D. Laurie moved, seconded by Mrs. T. J. O'Keefe, that the meeting proceed with the election of a director for the purpose of preparing the work to be taken up in September and completing organization.

Mrs. Sydney Stephenson moved, seconded by Col. C. E. Monteith, that the directorship be offered to Mr. E. B. Arthur, and the motion carried unanimously.

Crown Attorney Smith pointed out that the Society had already enrolled three of the Maple City's most accomplished pianists, Miss Nellie Rhoads, Miss Flossie Bogart and Miss Rose Morrison. There were others, too, who would probably assist and he thought they should be accorded substantial recognition by the Society.

The joining of a large number of the Maple City's best professional vocalists was also much appreciated.

Col. J. B. Rankin suggested that the membership enrollment be thrown open, so that all who desired might join, which suggestion was duly acted upon.

The following are the duly elected officers for the ensuing year:

President—Mayor W. E. McKeough.
First Vice-President—Col. C. E. Monteith, U. S. Consul.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. S. Stephenson.

Third Vice-President—James Scott Gray.

Secretary—Frank D. Laurie.

Treasurer—Herbert D. Smith.

Musical Director—E. B. Arthur.

BUGLE BAND CONCERT

The following is the 24th Regiment Bugle Band Athletic Club Benefit program, which will be presented in the Grand Opera House to-morrow evening, May 12th:—

PART I.

March, United Empire—24th Regiment Military Band.

Solo, The Songs of Arby—Mr. Jasper Wilson.

Solo, a Song of Thanksgiving; b, Selected—Miss Florence Stephenson.

Song, Dear Song Sing—Mr. Arthur Corkran.

Solo, Douglas Gordon—Mrs. Milton Bogart.

Piano Solo, Selected—Mr. E. B. Arthur.

Solo, Rule Britannia (by special request)—Miss Lucy McKellar.

Solo, Armourer's Song, from Robin Hood—Mr. S. I. Slade.

PART II.

Short Address—Lieut.-Col. J. B. Rankin.

Selection, Southern Melodies—24th Regiment Military Band.

Solo, Angus McDonald—Mrs. John Cooper.

Song, Selected—Mr. E. J. MacIntyre.

Reading, Selected—Miss Florence Glass.

Solo, Selected—Mr. S. I. Slade.

Solo, a Waltz Song (a kiss) Miss Gerlie Somerville.

Tinkers' Chorus from Robin Hood—Messrs. Plewes, Scott, Ball, Tacka-berry, Smith, Wilson and Wrigley.

Song, Hangin' 'Em Out to Dry—Mr. A. Corkran.

Quartet, Good-Night, Gentle Folks—Mrs. John Cooper, Mrs. Milton Bogart, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Angus.

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