

ever since--almost two months, or a month and a half. His companions were bad and he couldn't keep away from it. He said that the stuff was shoved under his nose at every turn. The police magistrate sent him to jail for a month because, he said, HE KNEW WHAT IT MEANT FOR A DRUNKARD TO BE AT LIBERTY IN OWEN SOUND OVER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S.

These are plain facts, and are given merely for the information of Chathamites.

Among the men interviewed by The Planet was Mr. Raven, a banker. He said that morally Local Option was bad. He went so far as to say it was a curse to Owen Sound. Mr. McLaughlin, head of a large biscuit manufacturing concern, said he thought it would be better for Owen Sound to have licensed hotels, with a proper administration of the license law. He thought there would be less boys drunk under those circumstances. He said Local Option did not injure the business of the town, and he spoke very rationally in giving his views in a quiet, unimpassioned manner. He thought that the education of the people would do more to lessen drinking than stringent laws. He said it was his experience that the bulk of the business men of Owen Sound were opposed to Local Option. M. D. Butchart, commonly referred to as the richest man in Owen Sound, with over \$200,000 invested in real estate, mostly on the main street, and the president of the Men's Club of that place, said he knew for a fact that Local Option was a failure. He had nothing to gain through making the statement. He had no interests in the liquor traffic, and Local Option doesn't inconvenience him in the least, as he keeps liquor in his house and always has done so. He is not an excessive drinker. He is one of the most popular and respected men of Owen Sound. He did not think Local Option kept Owen Sound behind commercially, and it didn't prevent him from further investing money in real estate. At the present time he is building a new, handsome block on the main street. He affirms that Local Option has not lessened the drinking in Owen Sound. There is more "straight whiskey" drunk now, when formerly people took beer. He said, moreover, that there were 10 to 1 drunks on the