

LOCAL OPTION SPEAKERS AFTER "ANTI" CIRCULARS

Galt and Meaford Speakers Deny Representative Citizens Signed.

MEETING AT VICTORIA HALL. Mr. Harold Jarvis Gave Several Selections in Splendid Voice.

Victoria Hall was comfortably filled last night at the local option rally which was addressed by Mr. Rutherford and ex-Mayor Patterson, of Galt, and Mr. Kent, Mayor of Meaford.

A further feature of the affair was the singing of Mr. Harold Jarvis. The celebrated tenor was in wonderful voice, and he chose as his selections varied types of compositions.

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MR. T. A. RUTHERFORD. "Lloyd George says Great Britain has three enemies, and the greatest of these is the liquor traffic. I am too old to fight, so my boy, 18 years old, has gone in my place, and I am staying at home to fight the liquor traffic, and will continue to do so as long as I am able," said Mr. Rutherford in introducing the subject.

NOT ALL BONA FIDE. A third matter Mr. Rutherford took up was the signed statement of Galt employers, affirming local option was a fait accompli.

AUSTRIA CLIMBS DOWN; NOTE TO UNITED STATES HAS GRANTED DEMANDS

Washington, Dec. 31.—American demands on Austro-Hungary in connection with the destruction of the Steamer Ancona have been met in the new note on its way from Vienna to Washington.

If the official text of Austria's reply to the second American note conforms to press despatches, saying the communication announced that the submarine commander who torpedoed the steamer, had been punished, only one phase of the incident remains to be cleared.

120 men, not Mr. Todd-Puthernore these 120 men did not live in Galt and Mr. Todd was a heavy shareholder in a brewery at Berlin.

Every prediction of the liquor people had been falsified by the results. Farmers came to the town as much, if not more, than ever.

EX-MAYOR PATTERSON. Galt, stated Mr. Patterson, was a very busy town. Galt had gone dry six years ago, and was going to stay dry.

NO CHARITY NOW. Hundreds of dollars of Galt city money had been expended to keep families whose fathers were known to be bar-room frequenters.

THE BOOZE VENDORS in a New Role. The whiskey vendors pose as moral reformers. They are interested in our city, in its morals, in our boys, in their legal and perjury in law-breaking, illicit stills.

the official text, there was a relaxation of the tension, which has been evident here. Up until a few days ago there was an air of gravity in official circles here over the situation, and the relations between the two countries appeared to be on the verge of a break, but within the past day or two, there had been intimations of a favorable settlement of the controversy.

MR. KENT. "Grass grows on the streets of Meaford under local option, right up the boulevard," said Mr. Kent. "Behind those beautiful plots of grass live workmen who never would have lived in such places under license."

STATEMENTS WERE FALSE. Every statement made in the circular was an absolute falsehood, added Mr. Kent. Another signatory had no vote, one more lived out of town in the winter, a third signed as an employee of the firm.

Des Moines' Record. The following is the effect of prohibition in our city: "I have to report that in our first eight months' experience has in every way been immensely beneficial.

For Alderman, Ward 5—Vote for Geo. A. Ward, the people's candidate. law breakers and scoundrels of all sorts nerve themselves for the deeds with whiskey. How many burglars and perjurers are total abstainers? No man who sells whiskey to fathers cares a tittle for boys or homes or hearts or lives.

At the close, count your ballots and bring your individual returns to me at the City Hall, as soon as possible. You will find sufficient blanks to make your returns in proper order.

VOTING FACTS FOR MONDAY

Where to Vote and How Many Times on Each Question.

For the elections on Monday voting of those qualified takes place as follows: For Mayor—Once. For Local Option—Once. For Railway Commissioner—Once. For Railway By-law—Property owners only and they can vote in each ward in which they own same—five times if they have property in each ward.

- POLLING PLACES. WARD 1. 1-4 Spring Street. 2-43 Egerton. 3-14 Bowes Avenue. 4-66 Oxford. 5-120 Oxford. 6-9 Colborne. WARD 2. 7-82 Dundas. 8-32 Niagara. 9-Corner Pearl and Waterloo. 10-55 Albion. 11-66 William. WARD 3. 12-City Hall. 13-Fire Hall. 14-Court House. 15-152 1-2 Market. 16-201 Market. WARD 4. 17-170 Park Avenue. 18-210 Darling. 19-145 Peel. 20-233 Murray. 21-290 Murray. WARD 5. 22-155 Park. 23-55 Arthur. 24-32 Sarah. 25-Corner Port and Superior. 26-17 Cayuga Street. 27-106 Erie Avenue.

ASQUITH HAS TRIUMPHED CABINET TO REMAIN AND COMPULSION ADOPTED

New York, Dec. 31.—The London correspondent of The New York Herald this morning cables: "The King, yesterday, immediately received the premier, Mr. Asquith at Buckingham Palace, where they discussed the provisions of the bill which is to be introduced in parliament to enforce compulsory service of single men."

to fight, it is almost a certainty that the trade unionists of Britain who have placed patriotism above self even since they were convinced that the flag in support of any reasonable measure designed to win the war for the allies.

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RESIGNATIONS MAY FOLLOW NEW POLICY. Out-and-Out Conscriptivists Not Satisfied With Compromise. CABINET TO-DAY CONSIDERS DRAFT Believed That Labor Will Not Oppose the New Arrangement.

YOUNG BOY ESCAPED FROM POLICE STATION. Jesse James Methods of the Youth Arrested for Burglary on Terrace Hill. The young fourteen-year-old house-breaker, who was arrested a few days ago by the police, George Lloyd, of Toronto, escaped from the police station last night.

FOR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE TO DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS. The Polling Booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All persons who have been appointed Agents must show their authority and when you admit them to the Polling Booth, insist upon their taking the oath of secrecy, which is administered by you.

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To the Editor

MR. GEORGE WEDLAKE AND THE RAILWAY.

The Editor Courier: Dear Sir,—Brantford being my native city I take interest in whatever pertains to her advancement and pride in her achievements. Her street railway system before municipal control was a standing joke with visitors to our city, and caused a feeling of shame to citizens generally.

This has been accomplished without fuss or burden to any one, and no small amount of credit and interest is due our three Commissioners—men who did not seek the position, but it was a case of the position seeking the man. The Commissioners have been unflinching in their services, and only by those in a position to know can this be appreciated.

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