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Over 60 years old! Think of it! Honesty, merit, power to cure, these are the reasons. Ask your doctor.

Everybody turn out and give the boys a lift at the lacrosse match to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. Match between 24th Bugle Band and the Tecumsehs.



**NEAT**  
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Is when everyone strives to attain to-day, and no one article contributes more to your neatness than stylish footwear. Time was when this kind came high, to-day, however, all can find neatness and economy in our offering of the smartest shoes at these prices.

**Ladies' Fine Dongola Kid Boot,**

flexible kid or patent tip, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00. Specials in

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**J. L. CAMPBELL**  
BOSTON SHOE STORE.

## THE SITUATION AT BLENHEIM

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the temperance party to defend the motion. Whether the motion carries or not, Mr. Brown claims, there will be no licenses granted in Harwich.

"I see you are interested in my colors," said Mr. Brown, as he noticed the scribble on the County Constable badge on the clergyman's vest. "Yes I am a County Constable and I rather like the work. I believe in action at all times. I believe in the organization that counts in a temperance movement."

Mr. Brown then gave a short synopsis of the events of the past few months, starting with his petition to the council for Local Option on which he got 88 signatures to submit a by-law in January. Then he had to get the township and the town to go together in the deal. He got this agreement and on March 4th the vote was carried with seven majority, polling 519 votes out of a possible 535 in the whole town, leaving only 16 votes unpolled. A scrutiny was then asked for. Judge Bell came out March 31st and by April 22nd had finished his scrutiny. He reported a majority of three for the temperance people. The report was made on April 23rd and April 26th the council met and refused to give the by-law the final reading. Mr. Brown, on the 27th, got a petition with 137 signatures and he and Mr. Gosnell went to Toronto on the 28th and interviewed Mr. Stratton and the case was then argued out in Mr. Brown's favor. Mr. Pike appearing for the liquor people. On the 30th Mr. Brown appeared before the license commissioners and stopped the granting of licenses. By that Blenheim has not got Local Option, but something just as good,—prohibition.

"We are thinking now of purchasing the Sheldon House and running it by a joint stock company as a temperance house. The men who have stood by us are Jas. Rutherford, Rev. Geo. Gilmore, Dr. Quackenbush, T. B. Shillington, Geo. Baird, A. Denholm, Jas. Ferguson, Jas. Heneker, Chas. Senior, (ex-Mayor), and Rev. Mr. Kerr.

"There are stalls for horses in my barn and lots of hay and oats and if necessary I will turn my house into a boarding house.

"It is impossible for the hotel men to get licenses. Mr. Stratton advised me to act as constable to act in case of emergency. I have done so. I will see that the law is enforced here. The temperance people have paid all of the costs of the election to date.

"The reason I know that no licenses will be granted is because it is a settled fact that Ross will go to the country on prohibition. Just when, I don't know, but he gave us clearly to understand that such was his intention.

"The people here are well pleased with the present state of affairs and the churches are hopeful and I have met a number of people who voted against the by-law who are now well pleased with the result.

"Stratton had a good joke on J. M. Pike in Toronto," said Mr. Brown, smiling. "Mr. Pike objected to the vote because of the illegal votes polled."

"Let me see," said Mr. Stratton, "that was the same voters' list which was in force when the Council was elected, was it not?"

"Yes," said Mr. Pike. "Well, then," replied Mr. Stratton, "your Council is illegally elected upon the same grounds. Why don't they resign?"

"The incident caused a pleasant little laugh. "There are a lot of men who will talk liquor on the street, but when you brace them about it in their homes, about their families, they tell a far different story. It has been a bitter contest but the temperance people have decided that the bar must go. That is Ross's policy."

"Do you think that Ross has deceived the people?" inquired the reporter.

"Well," said Mr. Brown, reflectively, "I think Premier Ross's heart is all right, but he hasn't got control of his cabinet. It is hard work for him to get any measure through in committee."

This is the third local option campaign that Mr. Brown has been through and in each one he has been successful. He does not know the taste of liquor. Mr. Brown is a diplomatic fighter and he hits hard, but he always has a pleasant word and a smile for his most bitter opponent.

The story, however, is not all one-sided and, as previously stated, the people are almost evenly divided.

"One citizen, who wished his name withheld for business reasons, said: "The business of the town is being ruined. I know of travellers who get off the train, find out the situation of affairs and then immediately put their trunks on the train and go to the next town. Hotel-keepers are losing money and cannot live without the bars. I saw several women sitting around on the streets on their baggage with no place to go, and other travellers showing their goods on the main street. The latest report is that the extremists and the W. T. U. have banded themselves together against the by-law. One lady, to my own knowledge, walked into a general store and asked the man how he voted. She didn't get a satisfactory answer and so she cancelled her order. Nothing ever happened in the 90 town that has caused so much bitterness. It has all been caused by extremists along temperance lines."

W. J. O'Brien, proprietor of the Sheldon House, said: "The three hotels have been closed and will not open until the licenses are granted. We cannot run a hotel for the benefit of the town and lose money. We have all signed an agreement and will stick to it. There is no chance of the temperance people buying the Sheldon House. Even if they had enough money subscribed they couldn't make it pay. It is certainly

hurting the business of the town."

Tom McCollum, the popular liveryman, said: "I see Rev. Mr. Gilmore had it in the Free Press that the town pumps are boarded up. You can look around and see for yourself that they are all working—and working overtime at that."

Tom Hgley, the popular lacrosse player said: "It is a shame to go into condition for lacrosse now, you simply have to get into condition. The Blenheim team are all down to feather weight now."

One popular Blenheim young man said: "I have had more whisky offered to me during the past week than I ever had for months before. Every man who patronized the bars, is now going down the street with a flask in his hip pocket."

T. B. Shillington cannot notice any change in his business. He is in accord with the temperance party. He thought the hotel men were very unwise to close their doors.

Mr. Bell, a prominent merchant, is also well satisfied with the present state of affairs. He thinks it will benefit the town.

One general merchant, whose name is withheld at his request for business reasons remarked: "This is going to injure me all right and it will injure the town. The temperance people are making a mistake by boycotting the merchants, but if the by-law was put to a vote again, it would never carry."

The temperance people misrepresented the whole matter. When they went to Blenheim they said that every merchant was in favor of it, but I for one, was never asked what I thought of it. If we give them enough rope they will hang themselves, but we are paying dear for the rope. We have been converted into an Indian reservation now and are in the same class with Moraviantown and Walpole Island. The government have simply boycotted the town, but they will have to grant the licenses. You can see that they are hedging now. They had no more right to prevent the issuing of licenses in East Kent than they had in West Kent. They talk about their accommodation. They offered the basement of the church for sample rooms and then refused to let travellers use it. If we had had a few more days we would have defeated them. Mr. Stratton takes a high hand but I wonder at the people of Blenheim taking lectures on morality from Stratton. The council acted fairly and within their right in refusing to give the by-law its third reading."

And so the controversy goes on, every man taking a part and each feeling bitter against his opponent. Each side says that they will win and the outcome can only be determined by awaiting future results.

The whole matter has resolved itself into a huge family quarrel and no one will take the responsibility of saying what the outcome will be.

A Blenheim young lady poet, with a spark of genius, has perpetrated the following rhyme on the temperance situation—

In the town of Blenheim  
Things are very funny,  
You cannot (f) get a "wet" there  
For either love or money.

Even the price of water  
Has gone up with a jump,  
But you can get it gratis  
At the temperance pump.

You see the hungry horses  
Eating on the road,  
While his irate owner  
Disposes of his load.

Here the jolly drummers  
Go down the old church stairs,  
For there in the basement  
They display their wares.

When they seek their supper  
And lodging for the night,  
It takes the temperance people  
To entertain their right.

The bar-room door is bolted,  
The window-blinds are down,  
But business still is booming  
In that temperance town.

And now the dimes and dollars  
That once were spent in drink,  
Go into the merchants' coffers,  
A better way, you think.

Than to spend it all in whiskey,  
And inherit the drunkard's woes,  
And display to all beholders  
That picturesque "bottle-nose."

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**WORLD OF SPORT**

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**CRICKET**

There was a very good turnout of the cricket club for practice on Tecumseh Park yesterday afternoon. It was their first practice, and a practice game will be held almost every afternoon, until the 24th, when they play Detroit. It is very necessary that all who possibly can should turn out for practice. There will be another practice to-morrow afternoon.

**LACROSSE**

**THE GAME TO-MORROW.**

The line-up of the 24th Bugle Band team for to-morrow's game with the Tecumsehs will be as follows:—Goal—Chrysler. Point—Coulpland. Cover Point—Fraser. Defence—Oldershaw, Morley and

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We make trousers that fit and hang properly. This season two distinct styles are finding favor, those cut, moderately full, slightly tapering to the boot, and the "Peg Top" being cut with considerable fullness at the hips, gradually moderating as they reach the knee, and fitting neatly over the boot. We have plenty of patterns in both styles.

Tweed Trousers in the new Spring Cloths, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 up to \$3.00.

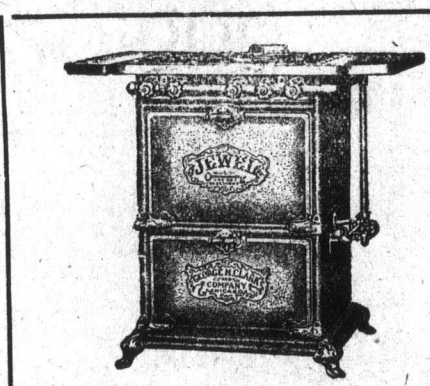
An extra fine range of fancy striped worsted trousers \$2.50, \$3.00 up to \$4.00.

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A most complete stock of boys lined short pants in tweeds, hard and soft serges and corduroys at from 50c. to \$1.00.

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Outside—C. Brundage.  
Inside—F. Ross.

**BASKETBALL**  
ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

The basketball meeting called at the Sergeant's Mess Rooms last night was attended by about forty local basketball enthusiasts. After a long dis-

cussion it was decided to form a city league of the following teams: Wagon Works, Chaplin Wheel Works, Manson Campbell Co., Dowley Spring Co., Bugle Band and the Maple Leafs. A committee of two from each of the above teams was appointed to meet in the Mess Rooms next Monday night to draft a series of games and make rules and regulations to govern the league; each team to hand in a list of their players at the next meeting. Geo. Perrin was appointed secretary of the league.

## Great Clearing Sale

—OF A—

**\$20,000 Stock**

—OF—

**Clothing, Furnishings, &c.**

We are going out of the clothing business and purpose selling our entire stock at such prices as will ensure a speedy clearing out of the entire lot. When we say SELL we mean it, and our prices for our goods will prove it. We want all of our many friends and customers to participate in this opportunity of saving a large percentage of the usual cost of clothing.

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**INITIATIVE NOTICE**

**BITULITHIC PAVEMENT.**

Notice is hereby given that the Municipal Council of the City of Chatham will proceed under section 669 of the Municipal Act, and under the General Local Improvement By-law No. 377, of 1899, to construct a Bitulithic pavement with combined concrete curb and gutter (to be in width 21 feet over all) on Murray street from William street to Prince street after the expiry of one month after the last publication of this notice for two weeks in The Chatham Daily Planet and the Chatham Daily News newspapers, and the assessment of the costs of such work made upon the real properties to be benefited thereby, such real properties all front on said street between the points above mentioned and the annual special assessment for such work will be spread over 15 years, unless the majority of the owners of properties according to the last Revised Assessment Roll, representing at least one-half in value thereof, petition the Council against the same within one month after the last publication of this notice.

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W. G. MERRITT,  
Clerk of Chatham.  
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