

What Local Option Has Done to the Village of Stirling

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ness has been prevented. Many of the outsiders who used to come to Stirling to tank up couldn't get it any more and had sobered up. He could not see that trade had been affected one way or the other.

Not So Much Drunkenness.

Mr. J. M. McGee, merchant tailor expressed the opinion that the by-law hadn't injured business in any way. He occasionally saw a drunk on Saturday night, but there was not nearly so much drunkenness as before.

Mr. Clinton McGee of the hardware firm of McGee and Lagrow did not wish to give an opinion one way or the other.

Go To Surrounding Towns.

Mr. G. G. Thrasher, barrister, was clerk of the municipality when local option passed and therefore had no vote. The new law had worked an improvement. He hadn't seen a drunken man for a long time, but there were a few who seemed to get it regularly. Some go after it to the surrounding towns where it is sold. There had been some drinking from flasks by the boys at first but that had all die out.

Local Option Shouldn't Be Local.

Another of Stirling's bright young business men is W. L. Fox of Cook and Fox. He was very busily engaged waiting on customers in his large general store, but he spared a few minutes for the reporter. "The drawback about local option," said Mr. Fox, "is that it is local. But on the whole local option is the best thing that ever happened to Stirling. There is a general trend to prosperous conditions. It enabled confirmed drunks to get on their feet financially. I cannot give any instance of trade having been driven away because of it."

Improvement in Regard to Sobriety.

Mr. F. T. Ward, who is one of Stirling's oldest and best known merchants, said there was a real improvement in the town in regard to sobriety. He couldn't say that local option had affected trade for the worse. He heard there was some brought in to the village in bottles, but he didn't often see intoxication.

Conditions 100 Per Cent. Better.

Mr. J. L. Ashley conducts a large grocery and crockery business and has everything about his premises spick-and-span. "Conditions are 100 per cent. better," said Mr. Ashley. "I would hold up both hands for local option. We will never have whiskey back in Stirling. Business is better. Everything is better. Business is good. There is not a poor family in the town."

Hotel Accommodation.

Stirling now has two hotels in place of three hotels and a liquor store under license. Of these two hotels the people of the village have reason to be proud, for they are of a superior class. During our stay we stopped at the Stirling house which is very efficiently managed by Mr. William Whitty, the proprietor. With him is associated his father, Mr. George Whitty, who for many years conducted the same hostelry with success under license. Mr. Whitty has recently raised the price for accommodation to two dollars a day, but the goods are easily worth the money. The meals are very appetizing, with a good variety of food of excellent quality. The service is attentive without being fussy. The rooms are light, airy, clean and well carpeted. A new system of indoor lavatories is now being installed.

The other hotel, the Kerby house, is also given the name by those who know it best of being a first-class stopping place. It is conducted by Mr. Wm. Barrigan, a man who thoroughly understands his business. The price is \$1.50 per day. No one in Stirling or who visits Stirling makes any complaint of hotel accommodation.

NOTES.

Conditions would be ideal in Stirling as far as local option goes, if the people there would only get a grip on the illicit bottle trade complained of by the reeve and several other citizens. It might take a little time, and perhaps a little money, and possibly a little backbone on the part of some of the citizens in the matter of giving evidence. But it would be worth doing. A large part of the good effect of local option, as seen in other places, is being lost at Stirling through the operations of a gang of pirates who bring in their goods from the outside and ply their dirty trade under cover of the darkness. Two or three visits from Inspector Matt. Beckett of Owen Sound and a few three-hundred-dollar fines judiciously distributed would do the trick.

We called twice to see Mr. Elliott, who conducts the largest general store in Stirling, but he was not in

his office on either occasion.

Many others who would like to have interviewed but the time at our disposal was very limited.

Stirling's homes present a very prosperous, thrifty appearance. Paint is plentifully used. Everything is tidy and in good repair.

In the summer season the well-kept lawns, flowers, shrubbery and shade trees give to the town a beauty and distinction all its own.

Thank You, Bro. James

The editor is very grateful to Brother James of The Bowmanville Statesman for the following very complimentary reference—

Editor J. O. Herity of The Daily Ontario, Belleville, has proved himself a splendid interviewer and exceedingly interesting writer judging by the intensely instructive write-ups he has recently given of the cities and towns he visited last month to get at first hand the peoples' testimony on the working of local option.

Argument on Appeals Heard This Morning

Judge Deroche Has Not Yet Given Decision in Reference to Appeals for Income Voters.

(From Monday's Daily)

The court of appeal under the Voters' List Act was resumed this morning at 9.30 o'clock having been adjourned from Tuesday. The morning was mostly taken up in completing the list of non-contentious appeals. About noon Mr. M. Wright commenced argument in behalf of appellants who wished to be put on the list for income. He contended that according to wording of the Assessment Act and of the Voters' List Act the gate was still open to have these names added.

This contention, Mr. Irwin Hilliard, K.C. opposed. To support his argument he quoted an amendment to the Voters' List Act passed by the Ontario Legislature at its session of 1914, which expressly states that there shall be no right of appeal in regard to income unless the parties had complied with the requirements of the Act in handing their names in to the assessor before the completion of the assessor's roll.

This amendment was designed, Mr. Hilliard said, to prevent such trouble as had taken place at Lindsay, where several hundred voters were added for income just previous to a local option contest.

Then the legislature stepped in and said that if a man, having an income only to be assessed, allowed the regular time to go by could not get on the list merely because it happened to be to his interest to do so when a local option vote was in sight. The appeal must be put in in advance when conditions are normal.

The amendment was to obviate trouble, as when local option came up, promises might be made by others to pay the taxes.

Mr. Wright in reply contended that the amendment was vague and indefinite and had no bearing on this particular case. If it had the legislature would have expressly said so. When court resumed at two-thirty this afternoon, the judge did not deliver his decision as expected. He stated that he would do so later in the afternoon or perhaps at the evening session. It was a serious matter, and Judge Deroche said that if any of the legal gentlemen present could throw any light on the issue, he would be pleased to have it.

The High School Women's Institute

The December meeting of the High School Women's Institute was the scene of active plans for the pleasure and betterment of conditions for the students in home, school and city. A beautifully decorated dinner table under the management of Misses Bogart and Armstrong gave a delightful Christmas touch to the proceedings. The delegate Mrs. Armstrong, gave a breezy account of the recent provincial convention, noting among other things the stress the authorities were laying on the necessity for women on school boards. Plans for establishing reading tables, also a skating rink for the High School in co-operation with the staff and students were discussed as also was the founding of Lower School Scholarships. Temperance legislation came in for its share of approval, a resolution favoring the present campaign being unanimously adopted at the close of the president's remarks in which she referred to "these strenuous times for mothers."

Hope for the Chronic Dyspeptic.—Through lack of consideration of the body's needs many persons allow disorders of the digestive apparatus to endure until they become chronic, filling days and nights with suffering. To these a course of Farnie's Vegetable Pills is recommended as a sure and speedy way to regain health. These Pills are specially compounded to combat dyspepsia and the many ills that follow in its train, and they are successful always.

Military Notes

Mr. T. E. Moffat, headmaster of the Madoc High School, has been at his own request made recruiting officer for Madoc and district for the 155th Battalion.

Capt. J. V. Doyle, quartermaster of the 155th Battalion has returned from Kingston where he was getting instructions regarding his duties.

Capt. Gilmore of the 93rd, Peterborough, will report for duty with the 155th Battalion today.

Recruits to the 155th are being reported from many sections of the two counties.

The 80th battalion paraded on Friday afternoon to Scott's Theater and attended "The Birth of a Nation" production. Owing to incoherence many of the boys could not turn out, but as it was 315 soldiers were in attendance. They one and all voiced the performance as wonderful.

Lt-Col. Putnam of the 80th has been transferred to the 155th.

Lieut. S. H. Powell, formerly of the 39th battalion has been transferred from the 80th to the 130th Perth Battalion.

Captain Watson is in Hamilton for a few days.

Fifteen recruits have been taken on the strength of the 80th this week.

Citizens are invited to attend the 80th battalion church parade on Sunday at 9.30 a.m. at the armories. Capt. (Rev.) Ketterson, chaplain, will deliver the sermon.

Sergt. Major Charles W. Thompson, 33rd battery who has been in Kingston General Hospital for several weeks where he underwent an operation and had a narrow escape from pneumonia, is improving. It is highly probable that he may be able to leave the hospital to come home for Christmas.

Sergt. Addison of the 80th Battalion, Belleville, has been appointed orderly room sergeant for the 146th Battalion, and will assume his duties at once at the armories.

Lieut-Col. Low contemplates having his family installed in Kingston before the first of the year.

The 80th Battalion gave a vaudeville show in Belleville recently, and it was a great success that Lieut-Col. Kelchman has been importuned to give Kingston the privilege of enjoying the stage abilities of the men of his battalion. It is said that the colonel has consented, failing to refuse any request that would come from his many warm friends in Kingston. There will be some night in the Grand Opera House when the vaudeville of the 80th come to town—Kingston Standard.

Major Alger yesterday completed the inoculation of the 80th battalion. There were a few sick men around headquarters.

Private Tullock and Private Spoon have been transferred from the 59th and are taken on the strength of the 80th. Private Tullock is to be promoted to be acting police sergeant.

Gunner Hall has been transferred from 33rd Battery to 80th and Pte. Dwyer from 146th Batt to 80th.

The officers of the 155th Batt. are strong in municipal life. Capt. W. S. Harper Medical Officer is the reeve of Madoc village; Capt. Gilmore is deputy reeve of Pictou; Lieut. Ainsworth is reeve of Wellington; Capt. Wallbridge and Capt. McFee are Aldermen of Belleville; Capt. C. A. Bleecker is treasurer of Marmora.

Recruits are coming in well for the new battalion.

Some of the officers have already reported for duty and are engaged in stirring up the recruiting sentiment in their districts.

Capt. G. Harold Holton has returned from Kingston where he was busy for a few days getting information as to his office of paymaster.

Mr. Harold J. McDonnell, who has been an efficient member of the staff of Molson's bank, Belleville, is going as paymaster sergeant of the 155th.

Major A. P. Allen, 155th Batt. is treasurer of the Battalion. He has returned from Kingston where he secured some ideas as to methods in recruiting. It is likely the recruits of the new unit will not wear khaki for some time. They will be provided with some style of band, designating the regiment.

Pictou is looked upon as an excellent center for recruits for the new battalion. Thursday night at a reception to Ptes S. Young and G. White of the 2nd battalion, held in the armories, five soldiers from the front were on the platform—Capt. Ackerman, Peterboro; Sergt. Sandford, Sgt. Atchison and the two Pictou boys. The armories were packed to the doors. Addresses were given by Capt. Ackerman, Sergt. Sandford, the two Pictou boys and Lieut-Col. Adams. The patriotic spirit ran high and enthusiasm was rife. Mr. A. J. Cundick, Chairman of the Prince Edward Patriotic Speakers' League, presided.

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Saturday's Market.

This morning's market took on all the appearance of the holiday season, what with meats and poultry which were offered in abundance. Prices were firm all round. Eggs 40c; butter 30c to 32c; chickens 80c to \$1.25; turkeys 1.50 each; geese \$1.50 to \$2.00 each; turkeys \$2.50 upwards. Potatoes went up in price to \$1.75 per bag in some cases, but the closing price was \$1.50.

Rough dressed poultry is quoted for shipment as follows:—Turkeys, 18c to 19c. Chickens, 10c to 12c. Ducks, 12c to 13c. Hides are higher today:—Beef hides, 15c. Pelts, \$1 to \$1.50. Deacons, 65c to 75c. Hides, 8c. Rendered tallow, 5c to 6c per lb.

Rifle Shooting

The members of the Belleville Rifle Association held a practice shoot in the armories last night, 10 shots at 25 yards, highest possible score 100. Scores—J. Donoh 98. J. W. Davison 98. A. R. Symons 97. Dr. M. J. Clark 95. J. V. White 95. W. J. Andrews 94. H. Sneyd 93. H. Day 93. C. J. Symons 93. H. Halls 93. W. B. Vandervoort 92. G. D. Gratton 89. L. R. McMullen 87.

Carpet Bowling

The first of the final games between the Sons of England and the Alpha Club was played last evening, Dec. 10th at the Tabernacle Church hall. The results of the game was a win for the Alpha Club by a score of 41 to 39. It was a snappy game from start to finish and all enjoyed themselves.

The final game will be played at the Sons of England hall on Monday evening, Dec. 13th. The following is the line-up for last night Sons of England—

P. Fisher, skip. E. A. Ridley, vice skip. H. Lennox. J. Bly. G. Barlow. H. York. Alpha Club—

W. F. Peake, skip. B. Kelley, vice skip. R. Grace. B. Fredrick. W. Robinson. W. Ashley.

Mr. Robert Sills of the Business Men's Bible Class of Bridge Street church was umpire and gave great satisfaction.

Come and see the final game boys.

A Real Sacrifice.

Captain Ponton in his modest but none the less wonderfully inspiring address before the Canadian Club yesterday gave some splendid advice to the men who are left behind in Canada and who for one reason or another are unable to go to the front.

"Put your hand down in your pocket until it bursts," said the brave young soldier, amid applause, "and then—and not until then—will you be making a real sacrifice."

It is good advice, but fortunately not of a kind which need make Kingstonians hang their heads, since we know of no representative Kingstonian who has not given and is not giving freely and well up to his ability. In fact, both in men and in money Kingston is "doing its bit" splendidly, and we feel sure that it will continue to do so. Nevertheless, such gentle reminder as Capt. Ponton gave us yesterday will not come in amiss.—Kingston Standard, Dec. 9.

United in Marriage

At Moody Cottage, Bridge Street West, on Wednesday evening the Rev. A. L. Geen united in marriage Eugene McDonald of Point Anne and Miss Enid Louise Williams of Shanville.

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A Prisoner-of-War Exchanged

Among the seventeen invalided soldiers, who have entered the Convalescent Home, Kingston, was Pte. Sherman Young, Pictou, who was a prisoner-of-war in Germany for six months, and was finally exchanged because he was unfit for further military service. Pte. Young is only twenty-one years of age but shows the experience he has come through, and when he told some of them to the Whig and to Major Starr at the Convalescent Home, it was not in the spirit of boasting but the story of a man who had done his part.

Pte. Young enlisted at Pictou, on August 14th, 1914, and after going to Valcartier was given a position in the Machine-Gun section. The 2nd Battalion went into the trenches in February and after doing good work it finally had its big day at Langemark. With the Royal Fusiliers and other English troops, intermingled with the Canadians in the wild charge there, was little possibility for organization but the Canadians fought like demons. Pte. Young said he had no idea he would come out alive, but he fought on until taken prisoner. His left hand was very badly wounded but the Germans took little care of that. He saw over twenty wounded Canadians, who were lying on the ground, killed by Germans. After he was taken back from the firing line he was better treated, and the German doctors did everything possible for his hand. He is very enthusiastic about the ability of these doctors.

He was a prisoner at Geissen. The treatment was not brutal in the camp but the men cry out for food. Practically all that he had to eat came from parcels sent by friends.

The Universities' Companies

The Universities' Companies are now well known throughout Canada. A fresh company is raised, equipped and partially trained about every two months, and it is unnecessary to advertise for recruits inasmuch as each company is made up of brothers of relatives or friends of those who have joined previous companies.

The first company under the command of Captain Gregor Barclay has joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and has been for some time in the trenches.

The second company under the command of Captain George McDonald and Captain Percy Moison is also on the continent.

The third company went overseas about 330 strong, and has gained a golden reputation at Shorncliffe.

The fourth company is at full strength and has now embarked. In quality it is in no respect inferior to its predecessors.

A fifth company has been authorized, a large number of applicants are on the waiting list, and recruits will be welcomed at Montreal on or after November 27th.

Those who wish to join must receive a rigorous medical examination locally by an Army Medical Officer. Those who are not medically and physically fit are not wanted, so there is a subsequent examination on reaching Montreal. The recruit should also be attested locally before the nearest Justice of the Peace, and transportation to Montreal can be speedily obtained by sending a signed letter from Captain A. S. Eve, 382 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal.

On arrival the recruit is issued without delay, his blankets, palliase and uniform, and his training commences on the Campus of McGill University and on the slopes of Mount Royal. As to barracks the Canadian Northern Land Company loans the headquarters building, McGill University lends the McJannet Hall, and the students not only lend the top floor of the Union but also give the soldiers the privileges of the building as though they were students. Moreover the Y.M.C.A. opens its quarters and places the swimming pool at their disposal. The training is varied, and includes shooting at the Q.P.R. gallery, rifle tactics, bayonet fighting and physical training.

Nearly 1200 men have already been raised by this organization, which is efficient, and also economical, inasmuch as there are no officers above the rank of captain.

A considerable number of young men who cannot get commissions in Canada are joining the Universities' Companies with a view to commission in England. About fifty men who joined as privates, have already been appointed as officers. Information has been received from London that there is room for 40 to 50 a month if suitable men are forthcoming.

Particulars may be obtained from Captain A. S. Eve, 382 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, who is in charge of the Depot.

Funeral of Late Evelyn E. Deroche

(From Monday's Daily)

The obsequies of the late Evelyn Elizabeth Deroche took place on Thursday afternoon from the residence of her parents, Judge and Mrs. Deroche, corner of Church and Campbell streets. The Rev. H. S. Osborne of Bridge St. Methodist Church and the Rev. J. N. Clarry of Holloway St. Methodist church conducted an impressive service in the presence of a large gathering of citizens and young friends of the deceased young girl, who was widely popular. Many beautiful floral tributes bore mute testimony to the public sympathy for the bereaved parents and family and esteem for the deceased. Six girls, friends of the Pollyanna Club acted as pall-bearers, the Misses Clara Yeomans, Grace Graham, Grace Armstrong, Mary Thompson, Ellen Reid, and Marion Chapman.

The interment was in Belleville cemetery.

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Annual Meeting of Bible Society

The annual meeting of the Belleville Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held Wednesday evening in Bridge St. Methodist Church. Rev. H. S. Osborne, pastor, presiding in the absence of the president, Rev. A. M. Hubby.

The treasurer Rev. A. L. Geen reported that the branch was this year in a position to send more to the central organization than last year in addition to the amounts sent from the Sunday schools. The collections were as follows—Miss Morton \$35.00, Mrs. Hubby \$4.00; Mrs. J. Elliott \$18.35, Mrs. J. McCarthy, 15.00, Miss Currie \$14.00, Mrs. C. Elvins 10.00; Mrs. Buck, 8.65; Mrs. Denmark 6.63; Mrs. J. R. Stevenson 5.35, making a total of \$180.38.

Officers were appointed as follows: Pres—Rev. A. M. Hubby. 1st Vice Pres—Mr. Walter Alfred. 2nd Vice—Mr. W. B. Deacon. Secretary—Mr. S. A. Gardner. Treasurer—Rev. A. L. Geen.

Executive Committee—composed of the pastors of the city churches and the following laymen—Bridge Street Mr. C. M. Reid; St. Andrew's, Mr. W. McIntosh; John St., Mr. S. Russell; St. Thomas', Mr. J. Elliott; Christ Church, Mr. F. P. Thompson; Emmanuel church, E. T. Thompson; Holloway St., Mr. A. E. Bailey; Baptist church, Mr. J. S. Rough; Tabernacle church, J. E. Walsley.

The Rev. Mr. Shields of Toronto, delivered a very able address on "The Bible and the War."

There was a fair attendance of citizens.

A Mortgage Case Of Interest

Way vs Shaw—The Hon. Mr. Justice Britton in the non-jury Sittings of the Supreme Court of Ontario was engaged Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday trying this case which has excited a good deal of interest throughout the country. The Plaintiff, the administrator of the late W. E. Way of Tweed, brought the action to set aside a mortgage alleged to have been made June 21st, 1912, W. E. Way to the Defendant John W. Shaw also of Tweed.

The mortgage was not registered till after the death of Mortgagor, the mortgagee claims by request of mortgagor. The party, whose name appears on the Mortgage as witness, swore that he did not sign and was not present at the execution of the mortgage and knew nothing about it. The members of the deceased's family swore that they had never heard of the mortgage and deceased in his will made reference to, and arrangements for the payment of, another small mortgage not said nothing about the mortgage in question. P. K. Newton whose name appears on the mortgage as the commissioner who swore the witness' affidavit could not swear to his signature. The defendant claimed the mortgage was given for some notes he held against the deceased to make good a shortage in his accounts as Tax Collector.

A large number of witnesses were called including expert evidence on handwriting.

Judgment was reserved.

E. Gu