

honest conviction of the object for which the petition is made up.

Sworn before me at the village of Brighton, this 25th day of September, A.D., 1908.

EDWIN BIBBY,

W. K. LOCKWOOD,

A commissioner for taking affidavits, etc.

Bolton Village

Mr. H. A. Rutherford, a general merchant of Bolton, an incorporated village in Peel County, Ont., writes to *The Pioneer* under date of November 12th, 1908.

Dear Sir,—It is time I was letting you know how Local Option is getting along in Bolton.

Although the time is come according to the statutes when a repeal vote might be brought about, there is not the slightest inclination on the part of anyone to ask for a change. Everyone seems to be perfectly satisfied with the present condition of things. The law is lived up to by our two hotel-keepers to the letter, and the public are getting as good accommodation as before, and in many respects better. We are no longer educating our boys and young men to become boozers and tramps. Our village is enjoying the best season of prosperity that it has had for many years. The Imperial Bank is erecting a new bank on one of the principal corners, where up to a few years ago a bar-room raked in the earnings of a hard-working people. We have also several good residences going up in the village. Altogether the people are contented and happy under Local Option.

Kilmount Village

"After six months' trial of Local Option, even though none too well enforced, I am satisfied that it is immensely superior to license. I live on the main street, next door to one of our hotels, yet in six months I have not seen a drunken man, excepting at the station, and only one man has been fined for drunkenness, but he brought his liquor with him from outside. I

have heard of men being drunk, but I used to see them frequently. Nor have I seen any disturbance on the street in that time.

"It is true that liquor is sold, and so far no one has been punished for selling it; and why? Because only the very elect are supplied, "reliable" boozers whom the liquor-sellers think they can trust to perjure themselves if called in as witnesses. Under license men used to rush over from passing trains to get a drink. Lately, I have several times heard some of them returning to the station loudly voicing their disappointment. Such customs are not trusted. It is idle for liquor advocates to say that there is just as much sold without licenses as with them. A conviction or two, which is bound to come sooner or later, will still further reduce the sale. Meanwhile, we are gratified, if not satisfied, with the results, when we see old toppers, who are not sufficiently trusted to be received into the charmed circle, doing what they were never before known to do—going home sober."

"E. S. White.

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Tweed Village

During the present summer (1909), the *North Hastings Review* published the following extract from a letter received from Dr. A. R. Farrell, of the Town of Tweed, in which a Local Option by-law is in force:

If anyone asks you how much Local Option has done for Tweed, tell them it has almost entirely cleared out drunks. Last December, in one day, I counted 18, and I was not looking for them. Since May 1st I have been hunting and I only saw three in nearly three months, and they came from Stoco and Actinolite. The town is not so busy as it was four or five years ago, neither is Madoc. In the individual family I can show you improvement in at least twenty cases since May 1st. It has not hurt business generally. It has helped certain families very much. That is what some of those opposed to the measure say.