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# WHAT THE CITIZENS' LEAGUE HAS DONE.

When we last week drew attention to what the Citizen League is doing, we hardly expected to be in the pleasant position this week to eulogise the first successfully completed act by the new body. When this body was first formed, it was generally conceded that the time had fully arrived when strong steps were necessary. For some years past the licensing question, which after all seriously affects the general public and our commercial community to a larger extent than they. are perhaps prepared to admit or even realise, has been left in finality to a struggle between the brewers on the one side, and the extreme prohibitionists on the other. We say extreme prohibitionists, because the moderate man, or rather the moderate voter, takes so little actual interest in the question which so seriously affects the general community, that he allows himself to be guided by enthusiasm and emotions which are worked upon toward poiling day, by processions, advertisements the introduction of nolicense questions into our churches. and homes, where perhaps the question has to be discussed under circumstances which leaves little argument in favour of the trade.. When the vote is given, as it was on the 17th November last by such means, it is not perhaps surprising to find that later on after voters have had time for serious reflection, and the prohibition question is put before them in another guise,--that is the one of reductionthen the vote is apt to be a very d f-ferent one. The voter, who perhaps from these already mentioned causes is prepared to strike out the top line. as we have remarked many times before, is not prepared to close a certain number of houses, with the result that the business from these closed houses, finds its way into the ones that are allowed to remain open. Particularly was this fact brought home to the voter in Auckland city by the tactics of a Band of men, who with a sorry sense of humour, styled themselves business men. These men with their r diculous, very often exaggerated and we regret to say, sometimes somewhat untruthful statements. have published from day to day adver-tisements, which have drawn public attention to the fact. that there existed a determination in this band to assume supreme control over the licensed houses in this city. They and they only, were to be the self appointed judges, not only of the number, but even of the houses that were to be closed. In fact, their self esteem and disregard of public op nion had carried them so far, that they deliberately stated in one of their advertisements, they had already inspected the houses which they intended to close. Could greater delf assurance or an utter want of that very quality—business—. which they profess so much, be shown



in public print? However, we have no intention at present of following these-ranatics in their methods of self destruction. We will leave them to study the result of last Tuesday's poli, where it will be found, and we need go no furcher into the figures, that the poiling of one of their selected members who came highest on their list, fell below the votes recorded by the fifth member of the Citizens' League ticket, by 742 votes. This fact, we consider. will give the "Band of Business Men" sufficient to reflect upon for some time to come, and cause them to conclude that the business man is most successful when attending to his own business. We cannot conclude this without offering our most hearty and sincere congratulations to the Citizens' League, who have so nobiy and fearlessly launched out to take a hand in public affairs, and we hope that this initial victory will only be one of a long series and that be fore many months have passed, we will find that this body has been raised to such esteem in the public mind. that its voice will only need to be raised, to be listened to with respectful attention.

## THE XXX BAND.

Graves Aicken and Arthur Rosser have now joined the XXX band. Up to yesterday they were only XX. Aickin, ex-Councillor and ex- Chairmañ of Harbour Board. Now he cua add ex-Licensing Commissioner. Rosser. ex-Councillor and ex-Presile a Trades and Labour and ex-Presile a Licensing Commissioner.

## MANUKAU.

Considerable interest was taken in the election for a licensing bench for the Manukau electorate. In addition to the five members who retire this year, five new candidates offered themselves for election. As reduction was carried ni Manukau last polling day, the question of maximum or minimum no doubt made the election for the licensing committee of especial interest. At the time of writing the results to hand were:—

Dr. W. G. Scott	1463
W Westney	1422
John Rowe	1412
D. Neilson	1385
G. H. Fleming	1360
D. McLennan	1337
D. Hattaway	1332
A. R. Harris	1323
J. Flanagan	1328
A. W. Gordon	1308

THE CITIZENS' LEAGUE TICKET.

The returning of the five members of the ticket nominated by the Citizens' League for the Licensing Bench of Auckland City, came as a matter of much gratification to the members of the League. The following table shows the number of votes cast for each candidate in each of the three electorates, together with the totals:—

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Bagnall		2189	2450	1928	6567	
Holland		2182	2438	1875	6495	
Mennie		2156	2427	1844	6427	
King		2162	2417	1801	6380	
Somers		2058	2310	1798	6166	
Casey		1384	1511	2529	5424	
Cheal	• •	1358	1520	2495	5373	
Aickin		1326	1479	2380	5185	
Rees		1230	1372	2405	5007	
Rosser		1142	1257	2001	4400	
Richardso	n	859	737	985	2581	
Jamieson		293	253	205	751	
Nicol		184	143	131	458	

#### SOUND BUISNESS SENSE,

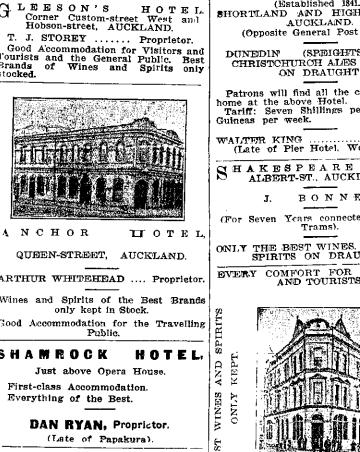
A little chap in Philadelphia, whose father is a prominent merchant and, as such, never loses an opportunity to descant upon the virtues of advertising, one day asked his mother:

"May Lucy and I play at keeping store in the front room?" "Yes," assented the mother, "but

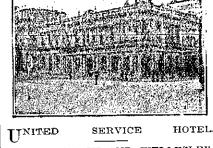
you must be very, very quiet." "All right," said the youngster; "we'll pretend we don't advertise."

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	Patrons will find all the comforts of a home at the above Hotel. Tariff: Seven Shillings per day; Two Guineas per week.
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	SHAKESPEARE HOTEL, ALBERT-ST., AUCKLAND.
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