

Hard on the heels of the crushing defeat to the prohibitionists in Alabama comes the news from nearly a score of Massachusetts cities which have recently voted on "License or No License,"
Most important of all those is Worcester, hitherto the largest "dry" city in the United States, which abandons prohbition by the rousing majority of 3,720 votes.

Holyokes "wet" by 1,819 , and Chcopee by 715
Those electons ${ }^{\prime}$ were held December 14th.
A few days earlier the great manfacturing cities, Fall River and New Bedford, left the "drys" and swung into the license column with majorities avertging five to one and over ten to one, respectively.
Gloucester and Marlboro likewise rejected prohibition by large majorities
Of the fourteen cities voting December 7th, Haverhill was the only large town to swing from the "wet" to the "dry," and the majority there is less than that given for license last year.
The strength of the license cause showed important gains in Brockton, Waltham, Fitchburg, Northampton and Springield, but a loss in Quincy, Lawrence, Pittsfield and Taunton. Last year these fourteen cities were equally divided on the question of license, seven being for ant seven against. This year's election puts ten in the license class, and to these must be added Worcester, Holyoke and Chicopee.

The license fight centered in Fall River, Worcester and New Bedford,
The strongest kind of opposition was put up by the churches and other no-license workers, but Fall River with a majority of 423 for no-license last year shows a "wet" majority of 2,158 , and New Bedford, which last year went "dry" by 305 returns to license by 2541 .
Gloucester was carried by the prohibitionists last year by
205 and this year votes the other way by 216.
Marlboro gave 300 for "No" a year ago and changes this year to 456 for "Yes."
The license vote in the fourteen cities voting December 7 th, compared with that of last year, is as follows:

Cities-
Brockton
*Fall River
Fitchburg
*Gloucester $x$ Haverhill
Lawrence
*Marlboro
*New Bedford
Northampton
Pittsfield
Quincy
Springfield
Taunton
Waltham

* No to Yes, x Yes to No

On the whole, the gains in fave: of license this year are very heavy and indicate plainly the waning strength of prohibition in Massachusetts.
Worcester, Fall River and New Bedford, next to. Boston, are the most important cities in the state.

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