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**Statewide Referendum
1850: Fourth Referendum under 1846 Act Relating to Licensing
Innkeepers and Retailers**

Background/Issue: See 1847, 1848, and 1848 referenda.

Referendum: The Archives does not have a record of the 1850 town meeting vote. Ludlum reports that the "no license" forces again won a "smashing" victory. The referendum vote is reported in the temperance paper, the Vermont Chronicle, February 22, 1853.

Result: Temperance forces, having won three of four referenda, moved to eliminate the annual referenda and establish a permanent ban on licensing alcohol for beverage purposes. They did so through Act 30, passed November 13, 1850.