

THE MORNING GUARDIAN

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THE LIBERAL PRESS AND PROHIBITION.

So far as our reading goes not a single organ of the Liberal party in Canada has advised the government to act on the majority shown by the plebiscite in favor of prohibition and take the responsibility of framing a prohibitory law.

The reasons put forward for this course are the apathy of the electorate, the smallness of the vote cast, the strong opposition in Quebec, the impracticability of coercing that province and the allegation that prohibition could not be successfully worked under such circumstances.

The government did not do this. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's words in parliament, elsewhere quoted in this issue, led to the belief that the government would carry out the wishes of the majority, whether it was found to be in favor of, or against prohibition.

The people of Spain are considering how they may replace their lost navy. A meeting was recently held in Madrid at which were present representatives of all the provinces.

The Methodist Church of Canada has resolved to go into the fire insurance business. To this end a company will be formed exclusively within the membership of the church, and risks will be confined to Methodist churches and parsonages.

The Toronto Star says the plebiscite vote in the provinces of Ontario, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and P.E. Island was 47.26 per cent of the names on the lists, against 63.90 per cent polled in the general political election of 1891, after one of the hottest political campaigns ever contested in Canada.

The Toronto Globe tells that the cotton mill at Montgomery, now employing 350 work people, are about to double their output and the number of their employees.

It is said the Khalifa's treasure has been found buried in the desert and that it amounts to ten millions of pounds sterling—more than enough to pay the cost of the war under Sir Herbert Kitchener's prudent management.

"Vote for prohibition and British precedent goes to make it certain that prohibition you will have," said Mr. Foster on a recent occasion.

"When the will of the people has been affirmed, as it will be affirmed one way or the other, then the government must be prepared to abide by the consequences.

Even Sir Henry Joly in his address to the electors on the eve of the plebiscite voting made it clear to his hearers that the voting was to decide whether the country would get prohibition or not.

"Every elector should straightforwardly declare himself so that the country may know how popular sentiment stands upon the question. Those who refrain from voting will incur a great responsibility much more serious than many think."

Every household should have on hand a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment. The diversity of uses to which it can be put and many doctor's bills it saves warrant it in taking first place in the family medicine chest.

DIED.

At her late residence, Douglas Street, on October 5th, Eleanor Mullin, beloved wife of James J. O'Reilly, aged 64 years, leaving a husband and four sons to mourn their loss.

On the O'Leary Road, Sept. 22nd, 1898, Donald Currie, miller, aged 68 years, leaving a wife, nine children, several grand children as well as a large circle of friends and acquaintance to mourn their loss.

WIFE'S AWFUL ECZEMA

My wife was in the most horrible condition of any human being, from Eczema. She could neither sit down nor lie down, her torture was so intense. I tried all the doctors that I could reach, but she got so that I finally believe she would have died within twelve hours if I had not been advised of CUTICURA REMEDIES and got them.

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HARD QUESTION TO DECIDE.

Lawyers Plead for the Life of Alfred C. Williams.

The executive council, Governor Wolcott presiding, gave a hearing last week on the proposition of commutation of sentence of Alfred C. Williams, sentenced to be hanged in Salem jail Oct. 7, for the murder of John Gallo in Lynnfield, July 29, 1897.

Charles A. Sayward, of Ipswich, senior counsel, made the opening plea. He presented a large number of petitions. One which the Governor seemed to think the most important cited the prisoner's good character, and a belief that Williams did not intend murder, but larceny.

Henry P. Moulton of Salem, who has no interest in the case, except from the study of the evidence after the trial, made a learned argument of a technical nature. Under Massachusetts law, he said, there are only three classes of murder punishable with the death penalty—malice aforethought, or with extreme atrocity and cruelty, or in an attempt to commit a crime punishable by death or imprisonment for life.

Henry F. Hulbert said the young man stood on the threshold of death without friends, and the Essex bar, practically without exception, had come forward to help him. He came simply as a matter of duty, without hope of reward.

Attorney-General Knowlton, who came in late, said no man in Essex county or elsewhere wanted this man hanged. There was no evidence. Gallo was an Italian who had accumulated in gold and other money \$100. Williams had the Klondike fever and only the money Gallo had stood between him and joining a party of friends for that place.

The hearing closed and the councillors took the matter under advisement. They evidently found the question extremely difficult to decide, and in consequence five members of the council visited Salem yesterday, arriving at 3 p.m., and were at once driven to the jail.

Later it was announced that the Executive Council had voted against recommending the commutation of the sentence of Alfred C. Williams, the murderer, to imprisonment for life.

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