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FOLLOWING PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND'S LEAD.

A comprehensive view of the movement toward prohibition shows that the Maritime Provinces have been the leaders of this reform in Canada and have proceeded along certain definite lines. More than fifty years ago, on the crest of the great temperance wave of that period, both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia passed prohibitory laws, but the action was premature and was followed by a sweeping reaction.

Then followed a period in both those Provinces in which the county authorities in certain strong temperance counties refused to grant licenses, and so decentralized the liquor traffic within their borders. In 1878 the Canada Temperance Act came in and within a few years it obtained a foothold in many counties of the three Provinces. This ground has been mainly held, with varying fortunes, it being the settled policy of the eastern temperance people to hold on to the Scott Act until prohibition could be brought in.

It will be remembered that nine years ago, when our prohibitory law was enacted, the entire area of Prince Edward Island, excepting the city of Charlottetown, was under the Scott Act. The new law was only operative in this city until the three counties repealed the Scott Act so that it could take effect within their borders, and our present status was obtained, making this the banner Province of prohibition. Meanwhile the Scott Act has been holding its territory in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Halifax and St. John have been in their several Provinces what Charlottetown formerly was in this Province, the principal strongholds of the liquor traffic. But for them the

THE ONE, CLEAR AND SUPREME ISSUE.

There are a surprising number of questions at issue in British political affairs, as, for instance, the veto power of the Lords, tariff reform vs. free trade, the educational question, home rule for Ireland, church disestablishment, the land question, the care of the poor, work for the unemployed, the defence question, and so on. The last general election decided but little, beyond the fact that it gave a majority to the Liberal party and its allies, so long as they remain allied.

In many respects it would appear desirable for Britain and Canada alike if something like the Swiss referendum were adopted by which the voice of the nation could be called to decide for or against one definite proposition at a time, separate from all others. Neither the Mother Country nor the Dominion has any such method of settling national questions although in local affairs we have the principle applied in popular voting from time to time on specific civic or municipal by-laws.

The last general election in the United Kingdom was a confused battle with half a dozen leaders and as

strong temperance sentiment of the rural districts would have forced the adoption of Provincial prohibition long ago. Now Nova Scotia bids fair to come under prohibition, with Halifax left out for the time, but liable to be brought in a year or two hence by a majority vote of its citizens, which will almost inevitably be brought about. The influence of the temperance sentiment of the entire Province concentrated upon one spot may be confidently expected to achieve this result.

Beyond question the action of Prince Edward Island in adopting and enforcing prohibition has considerably aided the movement in the two sister Provinces. With Nova Scotia in line under the prohibition banner, New Brunswick will follow. In fact that Province has been for some time ripe for prohibition, and one political party or the other, or both are pretty sure to take it up. We count confidently on seeing the three Maritime Provinces under prohibition within the next few years.

The struggle has been a long and an arduous one. A generation of ardent temperance men arose, fought manfully for prohibition and yet were destined to die without the sight. Their sons and daughters took up the struggle, gaining their ground in counties, one by one, and with steadfast effort holding the fields they won, until in this Province the full victory was achieved. Nova Scotia has now taken a great stride forward, following our lead, and, as we have said, New Brunswick may be expected soon to wheel into line. It will add to the lustre of our laurels when the two sister Provinces, following our lead, are ranked under the prohibition banner.

many battle-cries. The Asquith Government were returned to power, but with a hostile House of Lords, which had precipitated the dissolution, now standing in their way to block their proposed legislation and by so much, thwart the will of the people. Another election is almost inevitable in the near future, and it is most desirable that it shall deal solely with the one paramount question.

So much depends upon this question of the veto power of the Lords that it ought to be made the one, clear and supreme issue of the election, to the exclusion of all others. That is Mr. Redmond's contention and we think so far he is right. Once the veto power of the Lords is properly defined and regulated, and the hereditary right to sit and vote in that body abolished (as the Lords themselves admit it ought to be) all the other pending urgent questions can be considered and settled promptly. It is, therefore, earnestly to be hoped that the coming election may turn upon the one clear question of "government of the people, by the people and for the people." That is what the British people have not had under the rule of the Lords.

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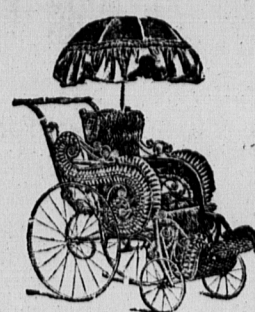
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Halley's comet has been very extensively advertised. Some learned astronomers have hinted at danger from a whisk of its tail and twice as many more have assured the waiting world that the visitor is quite harmless. None of these great men know much more than that everybody knows in regard to that. Hundreds of comets have appeared in the past and scared some people, but otherwise did no harm, so far as the records show. It may be as well, however, for people to sleep indoors and with their eyes shut for the next few weeks.

Toronto has been exercised of late over the reported success of civic government by commission in several American cities. It is claimed that the commission plan is more economical and effective than government by a frequently elected city council. It is now proposed to appoint a committee of aldermen to inquire into the plan of government by commission, to report the facts for and against it and then submit a bye-law to the people of Toronto to decide by popular vote whether or not a change shall be made.

DO YOU PERSPIRE EXCESSIVELY?

Don't Be Offensive Any Longer—There is a Tonic Treatment That Cures.

"The least little thing would force me into a state of excessive perspiration," writes E. C. De Forrest, a well-known resident of Davenport. "Not only is my profession, but its onerousness bothered me. I was then not overstrong and it might have been the result of a low sort of fever I had when I first moved into this section. Perhaps I was run-down and a little nervous. With any little start, or waking up at night in a half-dreamy condition, I would be simply bathed with perspiration. Looking around for a good tonic I saw 'Ferrozone' highly recommended. It's a great pleasure to testify that in my case it acted splendidly. In general health Ferrozone quite set me up, owing no doubt to the stimulation Ferrozone gives one's appetite and digestion. I can't positively say how much I gained in weight, but I know it was considerable. My sleep improved, and as for my nerves they never bother me any more. It's a great blessing to get free from the excessive perspiration, and still more desirable to enjoy such excellent health as Ferrozone brought me." "You'll not regret using Ferrozone—get it to-day, fifty cents a box, six for \$2.50, all dealers, or The Catarothone Co., Kingston, Canada.

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