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THE MORNING GUARDIAN.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1899.

MR. BELL ON PROHIBITION.

We have now the Hansard report of the speech delivered by Mr. J. H. Bell on prohibition. It is too long for reproduction in our columns but we subjoin an outline of his argument. Mr. Bell at the outset told the House that his constituency polled about eight votes in favor to one against prohibition at the plebiscite. He proceeded to consider the attitude which our two political parties and the Senate hold towards prohibition.

The Conservative party had endorsed prohibition in the abstract by Mr. Foster's resolution in 1884. That was their high water mark on the question. But in the same year they rejected a resolution declaring the country was ready for prohibition. Then they appointed the Royal Commission, the majority of whom reported adversely to prohibitory legislation. Sir John Thomson answered a temperance delegation in these terms: "A system of prohibition is out of the question and could not be entertained by this Government."

Mr. Bell next took up the attitude of the Liberal party. Mr. Mackenzie was asked by numerous petitioners in 1878 to give the country prohibition. He was himself a prohibitionist, but he did not think the sentiment of the country sufficiently matured and gave them the Scott Act instead. In 1893, when in opposition the Liberals had decided to gauge public opinion on the subject, the result of which was the plebiscite vote—23 per cent in favor of prohibition and 21 per cent against it. The problem was then in this form, said Mr. Bell: "You have a number of people in a settlement—say 100 voters. Twenty three favor prohibition; twenty one are against it, and the remainder do not care one way or the other. Under these conditions would it be wise, or expedient, or feasible to put a prohibitory law on the statute book?"

Mr. Bell proceeded to consider the case of Quebec, where only eight persons out of 100 voted for prohibition. He argued that the eight represented the English minority and that the French people were almost unanimously the other way, as was shown also by the French vote in other provinces. Was it desirable to create race animosity by forcing prohibition upon Quebec in 1878 when there were large petitions from other provinces for prohibition there were few from Quebec—only 14,000. Twenty years ago, and today Quebec was and is hostile to prohibition.

Proceeding Mr. Bell said the temperance people of Canada are now divided as to the duty of the Government. A large element demand a law in accord with the majority of the plebiscite vote. Another large element do not think it would be wise to force the hand of the Government in this matter. The Conservative party stands opposed. The Liberal leaders thought the popular sentiment not strong enough for national prohibition. The Senate is hostile.

"Are we then to stop there?" asked Mr. Bell. He proceeded to argue in favor of enacting prohibition for such Provinces as were strongly in favor of prohibition. In Ontario the vote stood three to two for prohibition; in British Columbia five to four; in the Territories two to one; in New Brunswick three to one; in Manitoba four to one; in Nova Scotia six to one; in P. E. Island eight to one. "It seems to me," said Mr. Bell, "that certain of the Provinces are as ripe now as they ever will be this side of the millennium."

Mr. Bell argued that it is doubtful whether the provincial legislatures have the power to absolutely prohibit the sale of liquors within their boundaries, citing opinions of Mr. S. H. Blake, Q. C. and Mr. J. J. McLaren, Q. C. in support of his contention. He had no doubt that the Dominion Parliament had the power to prohibit the importation from Province to Province. For twenty years from 1873 we had a law on the statute book

which prohibited not only the sale, but the importation and manufacture of liquors in the Northwest Territories, a region as large as Europe. It prohibited the importation, not only from the United States and abroad, but from the provinces of Canada. The constitutionality of that Act had never been challenged.

After dealing with the matter of vendors for the legitimate sale of liquors in prohibited districts for medicinal, mechanical and sacramental purposes, Mr. Bell suggested that the Government might take entire control of this branch, paying salaries to the vendors, so that the latter could make no profit by increasing their sales. He concluded that it would be wise to postpone legislation for the present. By next session the Government and members of the House would have time to consider every phase of the question and would then, he trusted, be prepared to legislate along the line of prohibition by Provinces.

The above is, we think, a fair synopsis of Mr. Bell's principal points. We reserve to another day a few observations which we desire to make in regard to his position. The Sussex, N. B. Record is authority for the statement that cheese buyers are instructed to pay three fourths of a cent per pound less for New Brunswick cheese than for P. E. Island cheese. Perhaps a nicer way to put it would be that Island cheese is given only a slight preference of that amount. New Brunswick has now had cheese factories in operation for thirty years past, and some of them make a very good article, but of course not quite up to the Island standard. It might be a good plan for the New Brunswickers to send some of their cheese makers to the Island to perfect their knowledge, or if they prefer we might send a cheese missionary or two over to Sussex and other dairying centres there. We would like to help the New Brunswick people to capture that additional three quarters of a cent per pound.

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