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TEMPERANCE WORK AND WORKERS.

At a recent meeting of the Alberton Temperance Committee a paper was read that had been sent to the authorities engaged in the enforcement of the Scott Act. It set forth that the law should be enforced without fear, that sympathy is thrown away when extended to violators of the law; that too much time is allowed between conviction and distraint

and between distraint and confinement, that the suspension of convictions is not in the interests of temperance; that something should be done to punish those guilty of perjury in liquor cases, as heretofore punishment has often been threatened but never inflicted. The committee at the meeting referred to also put on record their hearty appreciation of the services rendered to temperance by Rev. A. D. McDonald of Montrose and their regret at his removal to another field.

In this connection we must express our satisfaction at the measure of success which has attended the efforts of the temperance workers in Alberton. A citizen's committee was appointed there over a year ago, composed of clergymen of the place and a few fearless laymen, and they appear to have been successful in driving whiskey out of the town. We have it on the authority of visitors that Alberton is now the driest spot of its size in Maritime Canada. There was a time when this was not so, and the pleasing change must be set down largely to the Temperance Committee which has done some very energetic work and has not flinched a moment in the doing of it. Such organizations should be widespread throughout the Province. Of course it is not to be presumed that once out of the place liquor is out forever. Eternal vigilance is here again the price of freedom. The Alberton committee's common sense recommendations should, however, help to keep the officials up to their work and keep the town "dry."

We note their recommendation with regard to perjury. The opponents of the law have always the perjury bugbear to present to us as an objection to the law. Nothing would do so much to put this matter upon its true basis as would the conviction and punishment of a few of the criminals who do not hesitate to perjure themselves for the protection of illegal liquor sellers. And if the criminal statutes do not contain enough for the purpose they should be supplemented.

Nothing would do more to rout the liquor traffic from one end of the Province to the other than would the placing of some of these perjurers behind prison bars. This is a matter that must be grappled with seriously, not only in Alberton, but elsewhere throughout the Island. We are also entirely in agreement with the recommendations made by the Alberton Committee to the officers of the law with regard to other features pertaining to the enforcement of the Scott Act as outlined in the first part of this article.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

Members of both parties at Ottawa have always made extensive use of the franking privilege, and especially so on the eve of an appeal to the people. Members write letters to their constituents and send them public documents, including reports of speeches in any quantity, a member's initials on the wrapper or envelope being sufficient to carry the contents to their destination without payment of postage by the sender. As between parties it would be impossible to tell which has made the greater use of the franking privilege. Both have used it largely. Probably we would be quite safe in saying that both have abused it. It usually happens that the party in power uses the franking privilege most extensively, from the fact that they have always the larger number of members, and also from the fact that it has been a rule under both parties that a large number of extra copies of the Finance Minister's budget speech are printed at the public cost for free distribution. The budget speech is thus used as a campaign document, of course by the party in power.

This year the Ottawa despatches have made frequent mention of an alleged abuse of the franking privilege by the Opposition in circulating large numbers of Mr. Blair's speech on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway scheme. Hundreds of large mail bags have been called into requisition to convey these speeches to the ends of the Dominion. We fail to see why any different rule should apply to Mr. Blair's speech than to any other speech made in Parliament, or why the Liberal leaders should object to the free distribution. It is true that Mr. Blair's speech was an exceedingly able one, and very damaging to the Government. It is also a very interesting public document which tens of thousands of readers are very glad to peruse in full. But Mr. Blair was and is a Liberal, and almost down to the time when he made the speech in question he was a colleague in the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, holding a most important portfolio. Fault is now found with the Conservative members for distributing under their franks copies of the speech of a prominent Liberal which the Conservatives had printed at their own expense. That is all there is to it. Some persons think the franking privilege ought to be abolished, but that is another matter. Until it is abolished Conservatives have as much right as Liberals to make use of it.

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