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THE PROHIBITION ACT.

The Guardian has been asked by visitors from the neighboring provinces whether the Prohibition Act has or has not proved effective in suppressing the liquor traffic. To this we unhesitatingly reply—it has, probably as effectively as the Ten Commandments have been effective in suppressing the different sins which they are intended to suppress.

When prohibition entirely prohibits, human nature will be on a much higher plane than it is today. Throughout all the ages we have had murder, theft, false witness-bearing and all the other sins in the decalogue and we shall have them as long as man remains as he is. But the "Thou shalt" and the "Thou shalt not" of the decalogue, with the reasons annexed thereto will stand forever as an ideal to attain to, teaching men their duty to their God and to their fellow-men, leading the great majority to a higher level and, eventually, to a condition in which the ideal will be a reality.

Prohibition of the liquor traffic is also an ideal to be aimed at, not to be fully realized. It is the condition desired by the great majority of God-loving and man-loving men and women, who see in the traffic the cause of most of the sin, wretchedness, misery, poverty and ignorance in the world today. And the Prohibition Act, as we have it in Prince Edward Island, is this desire crystallized into law.

The law is being violated, we admit. The question is not, Shall we repeal the law? but is it the best way to attain to our ideal?

There are only two ways by which the ideal can be approximately attained—for we expect only an approximate attainment—that is, either by a prohibition act, making the traffic illegal, or by a permissive act, providing for restrictions and regula-

tions—and legalizing it.

The latter method has been seriously suggested. We would oppose it, as we would oppose the legalizing, with restrictions and regulations, of murder, theft, adultery, false witness-bearing and the other sins of the decalogue. We would oppose it on the principle that sin cannot be compromised with. A thing is either bad or it is not bad. If the liquor traffic is bad, if it is the direct cause of seventy-five per cent. of the trouble in the world, and we believe it is, the thing to do with it is to remove it from the shelter of the law and let it stand where it belongs, outside the bounds of law and respectability.

We are legislating for coming generations, for the future of the race. Our boys are growing up in the midst of conditions in which they must unavoidably see wickedness and poverty and misery and ignorance side by side with goodness and comfort and peace. For their sakes, if for no other, we must by our teaching, our preaching, and our laws sternly separate the one from the other, without compromise, without restrictions, without regulations. The evil cannot be legalized or regulated or restricted into goodness. It can only be stopped, and that is the aim of the Prohibition Act.

Party politics, which in our country has become a veritable curse, has laid its deadly blight upon the Prohibition Act, and is largely accountable for the many violations which have brought it into disrepute. If like influences were brought to bear upon the sins of the decalogue, if murderers, thieves, liars and the others were shielded on account of their political connection the commission of their special sins would be almost as common as the violation of the Prohibition Act.

THE PRODUCT.

In discussing conditions in our province we almost invariably discuss them in terms of material prosperity. By the number and quality of our cattle, by the size and value of our crops, by the appearance of our dwellings we assume that these conditions are or are not satisfactory.

We legislate with a view to developing our material resources, we educate our children, not that they may be educated in the true sense of the word, but that they may acquire material success; we send forth missionary experts to preach the gospel of material prosperity and how to attain it. To all our endeavors the question is put, What is the material return?

Our farms are progressing most creditably. The product, in field crops, in cattle, in hogs, and in all the different departments has made our province famous abroad as well as at home and we are proud of it. But what of the human product?

Are we as deeply concerned with the welfare, the comfort, the health and the future usefulness of the boys and girls as we are of that of our cattle? The question will shock some tender soul, doubtless, but is it so preposterous after all? From our sister provinces come at regular intervals men learned in stock raising, in crop raising and in other lines of our cherished calling to tell us how we may improve our stock and our crop. We lay out money freely, on

their suggestion, to improve our various breeds, to raise larger crops, and we will protest to the verge of rebellion against paying an extra dollar for the education of our children. No delegations of experts come to us to give us of their wisdom in these lines and we grope our way among the difficulties, each one his way and no one cares to ask whether the children of the present generation are the equals, the superiors or the inferiors of those of the generation which preceded them. We know, and are proud of the fact, that our cattle are infinitely superior to those of our grandfathers.

Our boasted institutions must, if we are true to ourselves, be judged by the character of the human product rather than by the material return. And we have many institutions, each of them turning out its product.

Our legislation is producing material prosperity. Is it producing better men and women? Our commercial life is bringing wealth and comfort to our province. Is it producing a higher standard of morals, a stronger sense of right and honesty, a better grade of men and women?

Our liquor business is being placed under the ban by legislation and by public opinion. What is its product? The direct product of the traffic itself is easily measured and may be found in our jails, our asylums, our poor houses; may be found in ruined homes, among broken-hearted women and neglected children. Our efforts to suppress it, also, have their product, varied, immeasurable, immeasurably bad, immeasurably gratifying. In the sum total of this product we find self-sacrificing endeavor on the part of many for the good of their fellows; we find Judas-like betrayal of principle, political hypocrisy, narrowness, bitterness. It is well occasionally to look to the product. For we are all being judged by the product. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

NOTES.

It is expected that during Exhibition days there will be more people than the hotels can accommodate, particularly at night. It would be regrettable, not only for the visitors, but for the city, if there should be any inconvenience of this kind and it would be well to make provision for it. It has been suggested that private citizens who have sleeping accommodations to dispose of, hand their names, with the number of persons they can accommodate, to the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. who would no doubt, in his usually obliging way keep a register of such addresses, to which those unable to find accommodation in the hotels might be directed. The ability to care for its visitors is a qualification which many cities boast of to their own profit. We believe the suggestion is a good one and ought to be acted upon in time to assure all visitors that they shall not want for room.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Refuge Division S. O. T. No. 201, of Fredericton, celebrated their 18th anniversary on Thursday the 19th inst. The hall was packed with people, and the splendid order that prevailed under such conditions, speaks volumes for the respectability of the people of Fredericton and of the surrounding country, all of which was well represented for many miles. The attention of the audience was held throughout by the rendition of a good programme.

A lack of speakers was in evidence as some asked by the committee were unable to attend, but any lack in number of speeches was made up in quality. The programme was as follows:

- 1. Prayer—Rev. Mr. Westmorland.
2. Speech by Chairman B. H. Rackham.
3. Solo—Miss Minnie Weeks.
4. Speech—Rev. Mr. Westmorland.
5. Quartette—Misses Weeks and Barrett, Frank Stevenson and Edward Sellick.
6. Dialogue—Misses Edna Bertram, Agnes Sharpe, Eliza Sharpe, Stanley Sharpe and Waldron Bertram.
7. Chorus.
8. Solo—Miss Lydia Bagnall.
9. Recitation—Waldron Bertram.
10. Duet—Miss Melvina Yeo and Edward Sellick.
11. Solo—Robert Hill.
12. Quartette—Misses Lydia Bagnall and Melvina Yeo, Frank Stevenson, Edward Sellick.
13. Solo—Miss Eva Stevenson.
14. Chorus.
15. Solo—Edward Sellick.
16. Song by Mr. Dengill.
17. Closing—"The Island Hymn" by choir and audience.

SIR WILFRID SPEAKS.

(Canadian Press) COCHRANE, Ont., Sept. 21—Sir Wilfrid Laurier ended his present North Ontario tour with an address here last night. He said that 25 years hence there would be no east or west in Canada, no district no difference but continued sympathy. He referred to the reports that the grades of transcontinental were to be raised and spoke against it.

SUFFRAGETTES AGAIN.

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, Sept. 21—Officers of the Woman's Suffrage Association will wait on Premier Borden here today.

PEACE THREATENS.

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, Sept. 21—A Vienna despatch reports military alliance between Bulgaria, Servia, Greece and Montenegro which threatens the peace of Balkans.

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J. G. Jamison DRUGGIST



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Victor Records advertisement featuring the H.M. Coldstream Guards band. Includes a list of records for sale such as 'William Tell', 'Trooping the Colors', and 'The Distant Shore'. Price 90c for 10-inch purple label records.

Master Mason Cut Plug Tobacco advertisement. Features a portrait of a man and a pack of tobacco. Text: 'Always Select Master Mason Cut Plug Tobacco. The reliable brand cut from our original "AMERICAN NAVY" Plug.'

Hyndman & Co. Ltd Fire Insurance advertisement. Includes an illustration of a fireman. Text: 'Have you the right kind of a policy in FIRE INSURANCE? That will pay out when disaster catches up with you.'

Commonwealth Hotel advertisement. Text: 'Offers rooms with hot and cold water for \$1.00 per day and up, which includes free use of public shower bath. Nothing to equal this in New England.'

W. K. Rogers advertisement for widows. Text: 'Don't Force Your Widow to Marry Again. Make arrangements now so that if the worst should happen she will be well protected against want and poverty.'

Storer F. Crafts advertisement for No. 3 Crabb's Grocery. Text: 'In this space during 13 consecutive weeks will appear an "ad" of one of the 13 Retail Stores that specialize in Cameron's Home-Made Bread.'

We don't live where we "aster". Our Shoe Store is moved to Richmond Street between Stanley Bros and Prowse Bros. We will be delighted to see our old and new friends and customers, and treat you all with Highland Hospitality. Our Boot Factory is moved to the Newson Block on Sydney Street opposite R. C. Cathedral this is where our SOLID LEATHER BOOTS will be made.

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