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trate and have a sentence of \$30.00 or ninety days passed on him. Figures sometimes become tedious but it will be worth your while to pause and contemplate for a while the few I will present to you. I think that they will astonish you. Each person can legally procure and consume 1 1/2 pints of liquor a day: that would equal 68 1/2 gallons in a year. The scrips and liquor would cost \$5.00 a bottle making \$2,735.00 for the year's supply. Reckoning the population of P. E. I. at 100,000 and supposing everyone took the quantity the Prohibition Act allows, the cost of liquor to the people of P. E. I. would be \$275,500,000 dollars a year.

There is a nice decent little act to call the blessed prohibition Act. Only Satan in hell would draw up such a fiendish piece of legislation.

I am, Sir, etc.
SCRUTATOR

SITUATION IN SASKATCHEWAN

Sir,—Enclosed you will find a letter from Mr. Metcalfe, Saskatoon, Sask. in reply to an inquiry I made of him regarding conditions under Prohibition and Government Sale respectively, for as you are aware, they have not Government Control but Government Sale in Saskatchewan, whereas Premier Stewart proposes Government Control for this Province. But I have seen where Mrs. Wright says the Province of Saskatchewan is going bad under Government Sale. I knew from my own experience that the statement was not true as I spent two months in that Province last Summer and made Saskatoon my headquarters while there. In all that time I never saw a person under the influence of liquor, and I have been out late at night—and there was no disorder.

The writer of the enclosed letter is a man who travels a great deal over the Province of Saskatchewan and ought to know the conditions there, for he has been in that Province for twenty years.

I am, Sir, etc.

W. H. HOGAN

(Enclosure)

Dear Mr. Hogan:

Your letter of inquiry regarding the conditions under Prohibition and the present Government Sale is a pretty big order, but I will give you my own impressions and I hope my telling of them will be fair to both sides of the question.

In the first place the Government following the Yankee idea banished the bar. That was a good move. Then the Prohibition Liquor store followed. That was a bad move, for the Bootlegger appeared, strong and prepared. And we still have him and will have him for some time until we get him rooted out. During the reign of the so-called Prohibition, the bootlegger had his beginnings. Enormous sums of money that should have gone to the Government in the way of customs and excise duties for revenue purposes were swallowed up by Mr. Bootlegger, who in turn used this money largely for corrupt purposes around election times. A further disastrous result of Prohibition was the many deaths caused through rotten liquor. For people finding the legitimate supply of liquor refreshments cut off resorted to illicit channels, for as you know, attempts to produce the ordinary requirements of the bulk of the people lead to a still greater demand. I could go on and relate to you many other bad traits caused by Prohibition here, such as raised taxes for the enforcement of the act, the development of "stool pigeons", and not least, but worst of all kinds of crime, including perjury, murder, and so on.

Now for the other side: Since liquor has been sold by the Government under certain restrictions general business has improved. That may seem a funny statement never the less it is true. Taxes have been reduced, and drunkenness has practically disappeared and when a man takes a glass of liquor he is still a law-abiding citizen, while under the old Prohibition law he was a criminal. Further the people are now more contented, and with a contented people you cannot help but have success. And finally, we have got rid of the anomaly of a few people who call themselves "reformers" having the say in what the rest of the world is going to eat and drink. That was what got under the skin of the Saskatchewan people, and they decided in no uncertain way that the so-called self-appointed "reformers" should be sent about their own business. And I hope you people in Prince Edward Island will be able to do the same when the election comes on. I have no doubt should you do so, you will find improvement, and betterment such as I have stated have occurred here, but it will take some time to get rid of the evil effects of Mr. Bootlegger. Pests are always hard to get rid of when once they have taken root. Mind you, don't think for a minute that we would try and get the bars back; no not a single account. The bars killed them selves, and it is my earnest wish that they stay killed. Now this is an account of my personal experience of things as I have seen them and may not be so illuminating as they might be, but putting two and two together you will be able to see the many evils and hardships caused through Prohibition of the people's rights as to what they should eat and drink and the immediate effects and gradual improvement of a change under Government auspices.

I am, Sir, etc.

D. A. METCALF

1622 Avenue B, North Saskatchewan, Sask., May 22, 1927

"WHEN DOCTORS DIFFER WHO SHALL DECIDE?"

Sir,—I am a reader of the Charlottetown Guardian. I was born on P. E. Island and although a resident of the U. S. will always be interested in my Island home, especially in its moral and religious welfare. I have been utterly amazed at a large number of contributors to your valuable paper on this question of Prohibition. We have often wondered as to the reason for such opposition, is the explanation political propaganda, partisan politics or failure of moral standards or failure of law enforcement? What change has taken place in the moral concepts of some of our good citizens of P. E. Island?

I have lived long enough in the U. S. to see the difference between the open saloon, and the good resulting from a national prohibition law. I have seen the difference also on P. E. Island.

Today's Guardian under date May 30th has an article entitled "Prohibition is Great Farce" a statement made by Sir William Arthur Lane "the most eminent consulting surgeon in Britain." Observation and experience tell me that after a resident in the U. S. for almost a score of years that this statement of Sir William's is not true. Sir William has gotten his information from the wrong source. I too am a physician and am acquainted with a number of leading physicians in this country. I have visited a number of hospitals and have never seen a single case of illness that was attributed to the drinking of poisonous liquors. Charles Mayo of Rochester, Minnesota, perhaps the greatest surgeon in the U. S. will not substantiate this fallacious statement made by Sir William.

Prohibition is not a farce nor an experiment. It is an intelligent, progressive moral salutary measure, preservative and religious for the salvation of the race and the nation.

This prohibitory amendment was written into the constitution of the U. S. by the largest majority of the votes of the people that was ever given for any amendment. It was not put over on the people of the United States. They wanted it, and they still want it. How could it be put over? I would like to take this learned surgeon of London with me to our great national convention, let there be political, medical or commercial and let the Dr. make his diagnosis carefully by whatever method he prefers on this subject of temperance and at the conclusion of the day or the week let him report honestly his findings. I know his answer would be negative. I have had visitors with me to these gatherings from New Zealand and other parts of the Empire and they marvelled at the sobriety and order of the multitudes of people present.

Prohibition is the best law that the nation ever had, and while there are some violations as we have in stealing and murder, etc., yet the people of the nation feel that the strong right arm of the government is for them and not against them. We have national protection and national law enforcement.

Some of my friends visited Canada last summer where they have government control of the liquor traffic and when they came back they were ashamed of what they saw. It was not government control it was liquor control.

This learned Doctor said "that the people despised the prohibition law in the U. S." What people Doctor? Who are the despisers of law? Law abiding citizens or law breakers? Those who wish to steal and murder and drink intoxicating liquor, and debauch their lives, and bring disaster on their homes and their community or those who wish to live for the good of others. No, Sir William, we do not despise this law, we love it, we hold it as sacred as the clerical or as the abolition of slavery for it gives us "life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

I am sorry to say that government control does not prohibit. It sanctions, it endorses, it encourages law breakers and makes it hard for law abiding citizens to maintain the integrity of the home and onward the course of national good.

I refer to the provinces that have already sold out to the liquor interests; and tremble for the impending fate that awaits my Island home.

Sir William ought to come back to the U. S. again and through other glasses look and he will see with unprejudiced eyes by contrast the aile of the eighteenth amendment. We have gotten what the people wanted, it has been written deep into the constitution of the U. S. and it safeguards the political and moral life of the nation. With no uncertain sound from the highest tribunal of the land we are told that the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors are prohibited. Righteousness exalts the nation. Men are the instruments of government through which righteousness is to be executed.

Prohibition is not a "farce" in the United States but a dynamo of reform, a flaming torch to be held high and passed on not only to the citizens of the U. S. but to all nations of the world.

I am, Sir, etc.

N. SIMPSON
Neasantville, Iowa, U. S. A.
June 2nd, 1927.

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Dr. S. R. Jenkins

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This is an actual fact. And it is only one example of many that may be found through the land. It has been stated on good authority by men who are in a position to know, that there is more crime and lawlessness in this town than in any town of the same size in Canada. This, I believe, is due to our Prohibition law, lowering as I said before, the morale of the people.

Medical Men Opposed

The medical men throughout Canada, by a large majority, are opposed to the Prohibition law because of the fact that it increases crime, increases deceit and is hypocritical. The fact of medical men having to give a prescription for liquor is not only degrading to the medical man, but the person who seeks it is also degrading himself, and many times lying about it. The remedy for excessive drinking is not by Prohibition, but by education, which I may say that during the enforcement, or during the regime of the Prohibition law, has been entirely neglected.

Sir Arthur Newsholme of England states that between the years 1899 and 1922 in the United Kingdom the decrease in the consumption of beer has been 100% or 32 gallons to 15 gallons per capita whilst convictions for drunkenness have declined from 161,407 in 1910 to 76,347 in 1921 due, he states, largely to education and proper restrictions.

Other Vices Neglected

There are other vices besides drinking which have a very great effect on the morale of the people. These are entirely neglected for the one obsession a number of people have against liquor as the sole cause of all sin. I believe a proper educational campaign conducted on principles of true temperance would not only reduce the consumption of liquor, but would tend to raise the morale of the people.

Prohibition has tended not only to increase crime, but has increased the number of addicts to narcotics, such as opium and cocaine.

Prohibition has failed, not from lack of enforcement of the law, but because a majority of the people is not behind it.

In no country where Prohibition has been tried has it ever succeeded in reducing the number of habitues to the drink habit, but it has decreased their sense of morals, and in many places has increased crime.

Records of Crime

One has only to look at the criminal records of Chicago where the number of murders are far in excess of those in Great Britain and Ireland where they have proper restrictions of the sale of liquors. In New York, during last Christmas and New Years, the deaths from wood alcohol, which is used as a substitute for properly fermented liquors, were enormous. It is well today that in New York men are going around soliciting orders from house-holders for all sorts of alcoholic liquors which are largely manufactured in the State.

I could illustrate a number of deaths and illnesses caused by these poisonous liquors. It is only a short time ago that a man was admitted to one of the hospitals of this city almost blind from drinking so-called liquor supplied by a bootlegger. There are people, I believe, suffering from diseases due largely to overeating than from over-drinking. We have poisons that we are consuming every day, but probably not to excess. I refer to tea and coffee, which when taken to excess, act also as poisons. Why not prohibit them?

The Remedy

To remedy all this,—since we have found Prohibition to be an absolute failure,—I believe that Government Control will cause a far better measure of temperance; will tend to make the man who requires, or thinks he requires a bottle of beer or whiskey, a better citizen, not looking to the bootlegger or approaching the doctor for a prescription, and besides, it will do away with the hypocrisy that at present exists under the Prohibition law.

In concluding his address Dr. Jenkins quoted the words of the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst whose sensational campaign against vice and lawlessness some years ago attracted world-wide attention and who now after a long life and a great experience say that "Prohibition is an awful mess, growing worse all the time. The law is un-American and its system of enforcement is corrupt and tyrannous."

IN MEMORIAM

MR. JOSEPH PRAUGHT

On Monday evening, April 11th, the soul of Joseph Praught passed to its eternal reward. The deceased was sixty-nine years of age, and although in failing health for several years past, his death, which was not unexpected at times, came rather suddenly at the end. He was stricken with paralysis and in spite of skilled medical aid, and kind nursing he passed peacefully away, for which the last rites of the Catholic Church of which he was ever a devoted member. He was a man of sterling qualities, upright and honest in all his dealings and respected by all who knew him. He was a valued member of St. Joachim's Choir, Vernon River, for upwards of fifty years. He leaves to mourn a grief-stricken widow, three sons, A. J. of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway, who was present at the funeral; James of

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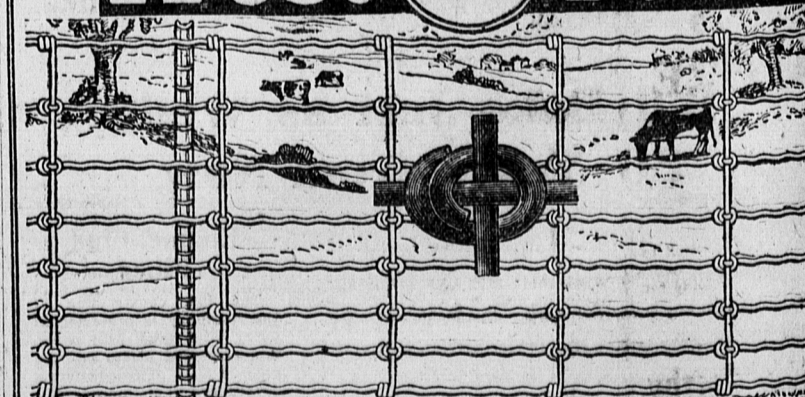
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