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## THE MORNING GUARDIAN.

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### A NEW DOCTRINE.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his answer to the Dominion Alliance has propounded an entirely new doctrine in representative institutions. In order to make this perfectly clear we quote a few sentences from his famous letter:

"We are of the opinion that the fairest way of approaching the question is by the consideration of the total vote cast in favor of prohibition, leaving aside altogether the vote recorded against it.

"In that view of the question, the record shows that the electorate of Canada, to which the question was submitted, comprised 1,233,849 voters, and of that number less than twenty-three per cent, or a trifle over one-fifth, affirmed their conviction in the principle of prohibition.

"In our judgment, the expression of public opinion recorded at the polls in favor of prohibition did not represent such a proportion of the electorate as would justify the introduction by the government of a prohibitory measure."

Sir Wilfrid, in order to make as low as possible the percentage of the electorate who voted for prohibition has taken the total number on the lists, though some of the lists were two or three years old. In nearly a million and a quarter of electors 15,000 to 20,000 die yearly. Other thousands become incapacitated by sickness, accident or old age from going to the polls. Many other thousands are unable to vote because they have removed from Canada, or from one province or electoral division to another, or are absent from their homes on the day of the election. So that probably a million would represent the total number who could have voted in the plebiscite, had they desired to do so. Those who voted for prohibition numbered 278,487, or the equivalent of over 27 1/2 per cent of the available electorate. But this by the way.

Let us apply Sir Wilfrid's own proposition that 23 per cent of a voting body is not enough to decide a question. The House of Commons has 213 members. Forty seven members would be a full 23 per cent of that body. Yet as a matter of fact more than one half the questions submitted to the Commons are passed upon with less than 23 per cent of the members voting in the affirmative. Even motions of want of confidence in which the fate of the government is at stake, have been sometimes defeated with less than 23 per cent of the total membership of the House voting in the majority. Furthermore the rules of the Commons provide that twenty members constitute a quorum of that body for the transaction of business. Twenty members make less than 10 per cent of the full House. And

yet as a fact familiar to all old parliamentarians, important business is frequently transacted with fewer than this quorum in attendance. The Speaker does not count the House unless his attention is called by a member to the fact that there is not a quorum of members present. But if the required twenty are there the bare majority of that number are all powerful, whether it be to pass a most important bill, or vote millions of public money.

In the Senate, with a membership of 80, the quorum is fixed at 15 members, and a less number goes on transacting business unless the attention of the presiding officer is directed to the want of a quorum. Thus less than 10 per cent of one of our Houses of Parliament and 19 per cent of the other house are competent to pass upon the most important measures. It only requires a majority of the quorum, of course, in either case to carry a measure, so that under the conditions specified and frequent y existing 11 members of the Commons and 8 members of the Senate could pass any measure.

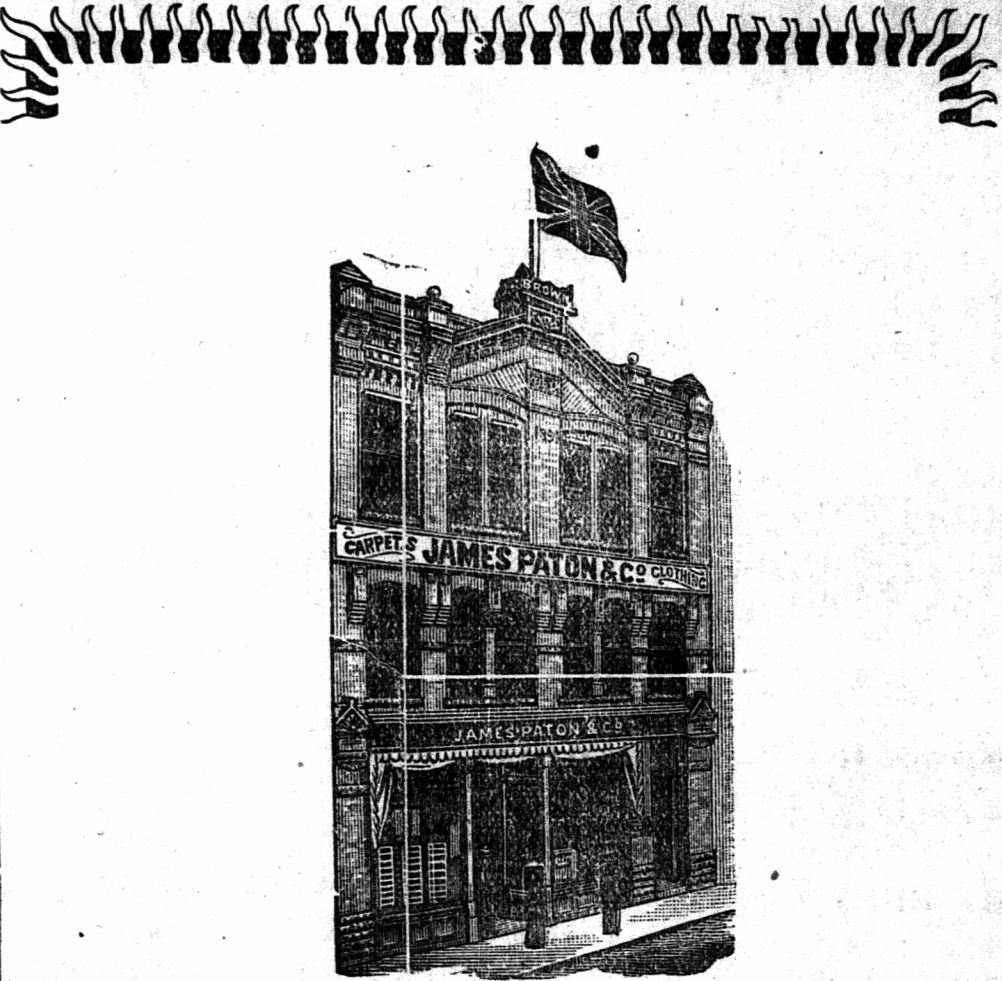
Five hundred and forty three thousand men out of a possible million were present and voted at the plebiscite. Call it 50 per cent of the whole. There was a majority of nearly 14,000 in favor of prohibition. Sir Wilfrid objects, not that the majority was not large enough, but that the majority did not represent a sufficient "proportion of the electorate." In other words 23 (really 27 1/2) per cent of the electorate, cannot be permitted to speak for the whole body, though six per cent of the members of the Commons may decide for the Commons.

Surely, in the light of all parliamentary and political precedents this is a new doctrine!



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Written for THE GUARDIAN, by Dr. Brown, Summerside.

My boy, afore you leave your home, I want ter say to you, Thar's lots of pitfalls in the world, To let young roosters through. So keep a padlock on your mouth, And skia you weather eye, But never advertise yourself As bein' wondrous fly.

Don't run to dress, of all the sorts With which the world is strowed, The most consarned useless thing Is what they call a dood; And don't be tough, and wear your hat A'tilted on your nose, Don't be forever loafing Whar the corn juice flows.

I know you think I don't know much, But take a fool's advice, And never go to a saloon; To play at cards or dice. For tho' I don't hold playin' at cards, Itself is any crime, I know them bar-room games use up A heap of cash and time.

And every little while you know, The reg'lar drinks will come, Until your head goes swimmin' On a reservoir of rum. Sometimes you'll jaw about the game, And likely come to blows, For you don't know what will happen Whar the corn juice flows.

They say the wise man takes his drink And goes about his biz, But I think he is the wiser one Who lets it be whar 'tis. But barroom talk and sich does more Than drink ter spoil a man, For the brain absorbs more pizen Than the stomach ever can.

So if you will indulge my lad, Don't hang about the bar, But down your booze, and plank yer dues, And get away from thar. For barrin liquor men theirselves, Thar's no one ever rose, Who made it his headquarters, Whar the corn juice flows.

I s'pose this kind of talk from me, May sound a little odd, Bein' as how I've allus drunk My share of "forty rod." But if I had ter live again, The years that past and gone I'd undertake ter organize A temperance club of one.

For now, that you're leavin home - Ter steer your own canoe, Some theories I've allus held, Are sort of fallin' through, And I'd ful a good deal better If my boy afore he goes, Would boycott all the places Whar the corn juice flows.

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