

THE MORNING GUARDIAN

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THE LEGISLATURE PROROGUED.

The Provincial Legislature was prorogued on Saturday last after practically a month's sitting, which may be considered a normal duration. Last year the House met nearly a month earlier and sat for about the same length of time. A number of acts of incorporation and other measures of minor importance have been passed, but by far the most important of the laws enacted was that prohibiting the sale of liquors by wholesale and retail. This measure in its basic principle involves a new departure of greatest importance so far as this Province is concerned in the matter of temperance legislation.

Politically the session will be chiefly remembered for the almost equal division of party strength, the ejection of Mr. Wise and the transfer of Mr. Pineau's support from the Conservative to the Liberal party. There was during the session much angry recrimination in the discussions and there were far too many scenes of disorder, reports of which have been spread abroad over the Dominion to the injury of our fair fame. Members of the Ministerial party will naturally feel pleased with having retained their control of the Legislature down to the date of prorogation, and renewed their lease of power for another year. Members of the Opposition may feel some disappointment of the hopes with which they began the session and will perhaps complain that they have been unfairly thwarted in their purposes and aspirations.

To a considerable extent the party system has been further discredited. Orderly and self-respecting citizens have grown weary of the ceaseless recriminations, the ill-natured personalities and the black-washing and whitewashing of political opponents and friends of which the session was fruitful and will welcome the quiet which the prorogation and the recess may be hoped to bring. It may be that the events of this session will strengthen the feeling that had before shown itself in favor of a reorganization of our politics on a non-partisan basis, but any movement to that end will find an obstacle in the approach of a general election. In the meantime the electorate would do well to ponder the matter with a view to finding some better system than is now in operation for evolving the best results from our representative institutions.

Tientsin, the Chinese city now the centre of the Boxers' operations, is situated on the Peiho River about 50 miles from its mouth, and about 100 miles southeast of Peking. Tientsin has nearly a million inhabitants and is one of the treaty ports of China. It was here that a treaty was signed between China and England and France in 1858. The city was occupied by English and French troops in 1860. A massacre of Christians occurred here in 1870. Tientsin is the terminus of the imperial canal, and is connected with Peking by one of the few railways in China.

British newspapers and public men have of late discussed the report of the famous liquor commission which was appointed some years ago. The commission was made representative of the church, the advanced temperance party and the brewers. After a protracted enquiry they presented an elaborate report embodying 77 unanimous recommendations for reform, and 22 other recommendations upon which their opinion was divided. In the Lords the Bishop of Winchester asked the House to pledge itself to legislate on the basis of the 77 unanimous recommendations of the commission, and notwithstanding the opposition of Lord Salisbury the Bishop came within three votes of carrying his resolve. The temperance reformers are active in the United Kingdom, but temperance sentiment there is apparently still a quarter of a century behind its present status in America.

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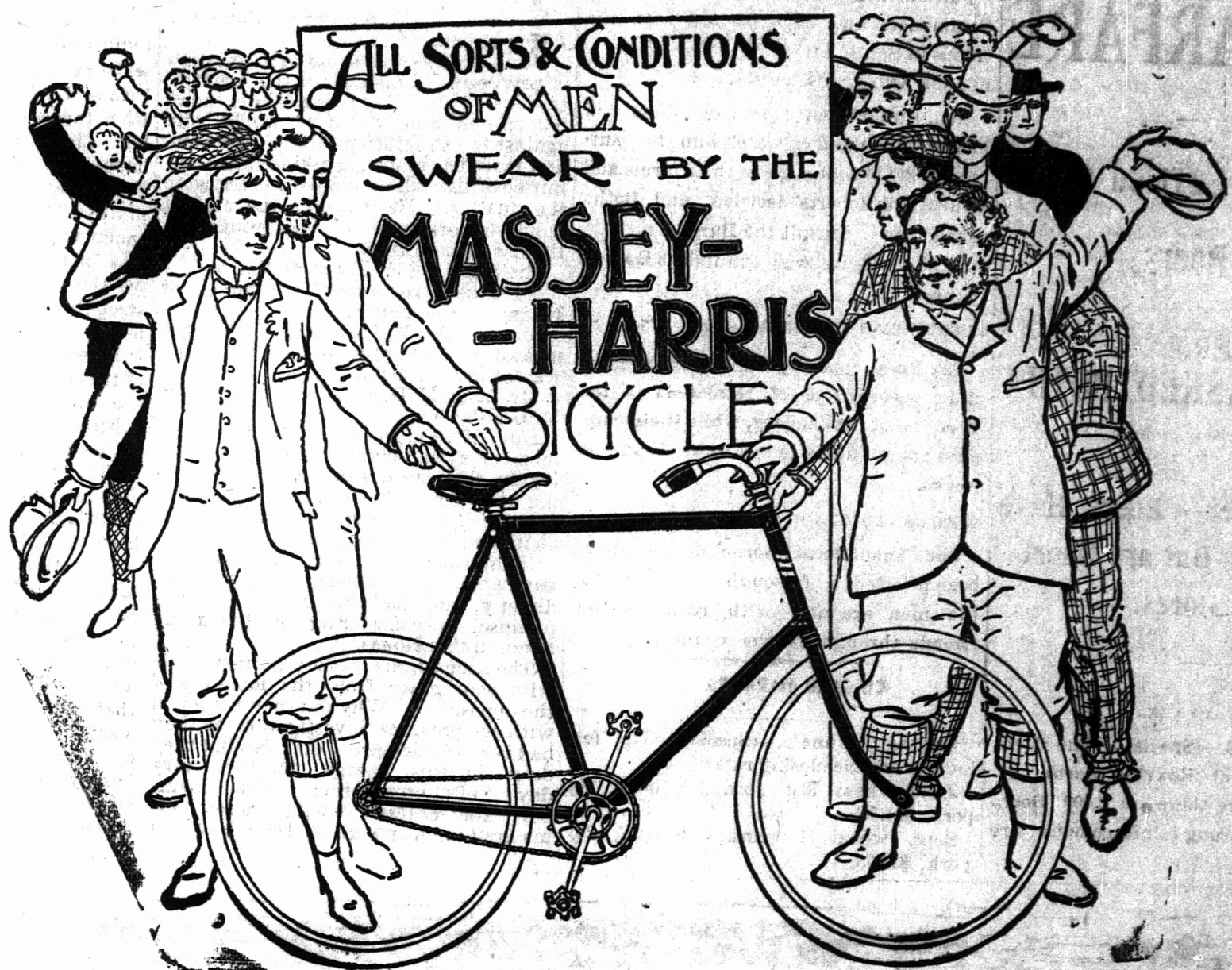
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