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## THE MORNING GUARDIAN.

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### THE QUESTION AT ISSUE

Some effort is being made in various quarters to confuse the issue in the coming plebiscite. We trust the electors will not allow themselves to be misled by what is being said or written with the design to divert their attention to side issues. Do you want prohibition? If so, vote yes.

You are not asked to consider how much revenue will be lost or by what means the loss is to be made good. You are not asked to say whether the government is sincere or not in bringing on the plebiscite, or what the government will do in the event of a majority vote in favor of prohibition being recorded. You are simply asked to say whether you want prohibition or do not want it.

Of course the enactment of a prohibitory law would effect the revenue and cause some loss. But once stop the importation and manufacture of intoxicants and the millions now squandered in drink would be expended in other goods paying duties. If so the revenue question would take care of itself. If there were at first a net falling off of two or three millions, what would it amount to? We were told, in the tariff discussions of the past that Mr. Foster at one time took off three millions of taxation by adjusting the sugar duties, and at another time Sir Charles Tupper put on taxes to a like amount to give protection to the iron industries of Canada. Yet the relief in the one case or the burden in the other was scarcely felt by the average taxpayer. Don't let the taxation bugbear scare you, gentle elector! Remember that no larger revenue will be required under prohibition than is now collected. In any case it is merely a matter of adjustment.

Then as to the sincerity or insincerity of the government: Remember that in all free countries the people rule and the determined will of the people must be obeyed. Let the people give their mandate for prohibition and the government will not hesitate to obey. If they do not they are lost, and a nother government will take their place. "The will of the people is the supreme law." If the people of Canada want prohibition they can have it. We believe they do want it and will have it before long.

Therefore remember that there is but one question to be voted on at the plebiscite—Do you want prohibition?

Mullhall represents the United States as the wealthiest nation in the world and gives the following figures as showing its advance in wealth within the past 48 years: The United States in 1850 was \$7,138,000,000; in 1860, \$16,160,000,000; in 1870, \$25,982,000,000; in 1880, \$42,642,000,000; in 1888, \$61,600,000,000; in 1898, \$81,750,000,000.

### LIEUTENANT CARRANZA

Lieutenant Carranza, secretary of the Spanish embassy at Washington before the war, has since then had some strange experiences in Canada. At the outbreak of hostilities he came with his chief to Toronto and thence to Montreal. While in the latter city complaint was made that he and his associates were directing a spy system in the United States. This was denied but the episode of the stolen letter resulted in an official request that he and his associates should leave Canada. This was probably the only instance in which a foreign citizen has been ordered to leave the Dominion, and the incident caused much comment around the world. It was really the British government that ordered his departure, for which the Canadian government was wrongly blamed by Spain and wrongly credited in the United States.

It was reported at the time that Carranza did not really leave Canadian soil but concealed himself in Montreal. This turns out to have been untrue, for he has now returned to Montreal from St. Pierre, Miquelon, whither it appears he had gone after the order of expulsion. A new question was raised by his return. Had he a right again to set foot upon Canadian soil till peace was formally made? This question might have been an awkward one had the war continued. Fortunately the war is practically over, and with the changed conditions no one will interfere with the gallant Spaniard. He has come back, his consul says, to take leave of the Spanish consul and other friends. It is probable however that there are some matters in connection with his secret mission to Canada which require his attention in finally closing them up.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Cuba's yearly tribute to Spain before the war was about \$25,000,000—an enormous sum to be paid by a population less than one-third as great as that of Canada. Independence ought to be felt as a genuine relief.

Two dates have been named for the coming into operation of imperial penny postage—one the 9th of November, and the other next Christmas. The latter seems to be supported by the last authority but we can afford to wait a few months for so great an event in postal history.

The French shore question in Newfoundland is one of those things that is very difficult for outsiders to comprehend. For instance both French and Newfoundlanders are prohibited from erecting lobster factories on the shore. Some enterprising Newfoundlanders then set up floating factories off the shore, but the British naval authorities warned them that this was an infringement of French rights. There are abundant lobsters but they must not be canned on the French shore.

Governor McInnis in his brief official career in British Columbia has displayed a special aptitude for getting into trouble. At the reception to the Governor General recently he was disposed to insist on taking precedence of the Admiral on the Pacific station, and when this could not be permitted he declined to attend the function. Now he has dismissed Premier Turner and called upon Mr. Beaven to form a new ministry, only to find that the latter cannot command a sufficient following. In both cases the Pacific Province Governor seems to have been afflicted with a too exalted opinion of himself. What his next blunder will be can only be guessed, but there seems reason to fear that it will not be long delayed.

### EDITOR'S MAIL

The Park Boulevard.

Sir,—I notice that Mr. L. P. Tanton objects to my suggestion to call the misnamed "Park Roadway" by a proper term "Park Boulevard." On looking up the wisest authority obtainable I find that the name Boulevard originally signified a bulwark or rampart of a fortification or fortified town; hence, a public walk or drive occupying the site of demolished fortifications. The name is now extended to any street or drive which is given a park-like appearance by reserving spaces at the sides or centre for shade trees, flowers, seats and the like, and is not used for heavy teaming. It seems to me that my suggested term of Park Boulevard gives the idea of what this pleasure spot really is—a carriage drive, a walk for pedestrians, another for pedestrians and bicyclists, rows of seats, shade trees, Fort Edward—practically a demolished fortification, and the park. Mr. Tanton's suggested terms of Victoria Terrace, in its modern usage, to my mind gives the idea of something entirely different from what really exists, more of a raised level space or platform of earth and much more limited in area than the Park Boulevard. "Terrace" certainly gives no idea of driving, bicycling or walking upon any extended scale, but rather of a place on which to stand or loiter. To speak of driving a horse on a Terrace sounds absurd.

Had Mr Tanton even advanced the name of "Park Terrace" it would have been more appropriate, but even then would not signify either in area or variety what the Park Boulevard comprises.

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