

# THE CLERGY AND POLITICS

## Why Premier Stewart Has Courteously Declined Their Active Service In Support Of Government Control.

Rev. W. M. Ryan, who is leaving Trinity Church for St. John almost immediately, and can therefore escape the evil consequences of having divided his congregation is determined more than ever to make the going hard for his colleague and successor. What matters it to him? He'll be away, and others will have to reap the ill-will and discord he has sown in what he found a happy united congregation.

In yesterday's Patriot he claims that the ministers of the different denominations are practically behind Prohibition, and that practically none has spoken out against it.

Let us remind the reverend gentleman and our esteemed contemporary that the policy of the Conservative party has been to keep the churches out of politics. It was not that the supporters of Government Control had not ofers of assistance from ministers. They had but courteously suggested that it would be better for the congregations to keep the pulpits free from party politics. One minister, of the Rev. Mr. Ryan's own denomination, probably the most highly esteemed on the Island, even offered his services to act upon the Government Control Commission and that without salary.

The letter of Rev. Mr. Ryan is nothing more nor less than an attempt to justify his most unjustifiable conduct in designating the leading laymen of his denomination Judas. Let us recall what we said on the subject on a previous occasion:

### JUDAS

According to the Rev. W. M. Ryan his predecessor in the Brick Church, Rev. C. Fulton is a Judas because he approves of Improved Temperance under Government Control. By the same token, Mr. D. B. Hanna, one of the leading lights in the United Church in Toronto and chairman of the Toronto Commission is a Judas. And Mr. James Paton, a leading member of Mr. Ryan's Church and chairman of the Prohibition Commission, (which has made profits every year) a member of the official board of Mr. Ryan's Church, an elder, and chairman of the Central Relief Committee of Mr. Ryan's Church, is a Judas. And Mr. Henry Smith, the venerable father of Methodist officials, Secretary of the Prohibition Commission, a member of the official Board of Mr. Ryan's Church, a Trustee and an elder, is a Judas. And Sir John Willison, a distinguished member of the official board of the United Church of Toronto, is a Judas. Then there are those other exemplary church members and clergymen, like Rev. Thos. Goodwill, mentioned by Mr. W. L. Cotton in his articles on this page, each of these is a Judas according to Mr. Ryan; while no doubt extremists like Mr. L. P. Tanton are the beau ideal of what Christians should be. It is the sort of extravagant language used by the Rev. Mr. Ryan, with the best intentions in the world, that the United Church official organ, the New Outlook regretted after the Ontario election as having done more harm than good.

# GOVERNMENT CONTROL PROVES GREAT SUCCESS IN ONTARIO

## Letter From Attorney General Price To Premier Stewart Gives Authoritative Information Regarding The Splendid Effect Of Government Control.

Premier Stewart has received the following letter from Hon. W. H. Price, Attorney General of Ontario, enclosing a report of the Commission of Police for the Province. This letter gives authoritative information, not hearsay or rumors, regarding actual conditions under Government Control as compared with Ontario Temperance Act. The letter speaks for itself:

Toronto, June 16th, 1927.  
Dear Mr. Stewart:  
You will be gratified to know that since the Liquor Control Act came into force in Ontario we have had less drunkenness than before. The Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, who has charge of the enforcement of the Act, has made a report to the Government which reads as follows:

"Having reference to the conditions under the new Liquor Control Act in the Province of Ontario, I beg to state that reports which have been submitted to me regarding this Act so far show a decided improvement over conditions under the Ontario Temperance Act. There have been very few complaints received by Officers throughout the Province and there have not been many prosecutions, although the Force is putting forth every effort to rigidly enforce the new Act.

Instructions have been sent out by me from time to time since the new act has come into force, drawing the attention of all concerned to the absolute necessity of seeing that the bootlegger is exterminated, and I have received gratifying reports from District Inspectors concerning this."

Our Act came into force on Wednesday, the 1st of June. This was a little ahead of time when the Commission was ready to open the requisite number of stores. Consequently with only eighteen stores open over the Province there were a great many people who came from outside points to purchase liquor in Toronto and other centres. Their orders were fairly extensive and it caused some congestion and people standing in line. Latterly, however, with ten stores open through Toronto and fifteen more through the Province, the situation is clearing up and there are now hundreds of people waiting to be served. The third day of the act was June 3rd, a holiday, and the fourth day being Saturday and the stores closing at one o'clock. Notwithstanding this fact and that practically every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, were three holidays right at the commencement of the Act, there were less than sixty arrests for drunkenness in the metropolitan area of Toronto, covering 800,000 people. Most of these were old timers, men who had become accustomed to the O.T.A. A. This holiday situation at the liquor traffic is very much improved beginning was the worst possible day.

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# VOTERS' QUALIFICATIONS

- For Councillor:**
- Queen's County**
    - First District: Councillor—Walter G. McKenzie, W. F. Allan Stewart, Assemblyman—Murdoch Kennedy, Peter Sinclair.
    - Second District: Councillor—Louis L. Jenkins, Bradford W. Lepage, Assemblyman—J. H. Buntain, Angus McPhee.
    - Third District: Councillor—J. A. MacDonald, David MacDonald, Assemblyman—Matthew W. Wood, Russell C. Clarke.
    - Fourth District: Councillor—Shaw MacMillan, George S. Inman, Assemblyman—George A. MacLean, J. James Larrabee.
    - Fifth District: Councillor—W. J. P. MacMillan, C. Gavan Duffy, Assemblyman—W. Chester S. McLure, Edmund T. Higgs.
  - Prince County**
    - First District: Councillor—J. Wilfred Tanton, Robert Hudson Gordon, Assemblyman—Jos. T. Gallant, J. S. Blanchard.
    - Second District: Councillor—John D. Kennedy, W. H. Dennis, Assemblyman—Shelton Sharpe, A. C. Saunders.
    - Third District: Councillor—Thomas MacNutt, Harry A. Darby, Assemblyman—A. F. Arsenault, Martin Gallant.
    - Fourth District: Councillor—Louis Howatt, Walter M. Lee, Assemblyman—Norman Lowther, Horace Wright.
    - Fifth District: Councillor—George D. Pope, Lucas R. Allan, Assemblyman—James MacNeill, Dr. J. F. MacNeill.
- For Assemblyman:**
- All persons qualified to vote for councillors.
  - Every person, male and female, except an Indian resident of an Indian reservation, if such person:
    - is of the full age of twenty-one years;
    - is a British subject; and
    - who has resided in the Province twelve months, and in the Electoral district two months previous to May 26, 1927.
  - Who is in actual possession, for his or her own benefit, of any freehold estate to the value of at least one hundred dollars, and has had same in actual possession for six months previous to May 26, 1927.
- Return the Stewards Government by placing your "X" after the names as marked below

# Political Meeting At St. Eleanors

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said that the bulk of the credit for \$125,000 increase in subsidy should be given to the St. John Telegraph as they agitated Maritime Rights or what I call "Maritime Wrongs." The C.N.R. Grant of \$40,000 was only one proportion of the grant given to all the provinces, said Dr. McNeill. He criticised the Stewart Government as to their road work claiming that they gave tenders to their friends and not to the lowest tenderer whereas the Bell Government, he claimed, always gave the contracts to the lowest tenderer. With regard to the Standardization of the Railway Dr. McNeill thought he should get some credit for it as he made a trip to Ottawa and paid his own expenses. At that time we got \$10,000 for the Railway Wharf at Summerside. Referring to the Temperance question he asked if any member of the government would go into the liquor business or if any number of the members of the government would form a joint stock company to go into the liquor business. I've never seen anybody benefited by drinking liquor but on the other hand I've seen them degraded. I thought it would be a man to put liquor into insurance than into liquor. In Toronto he stated a man had run over a little boy and killed him and that in this man's car 2 bottles of liquor had been found. He also saw 5 men drunk in Montreal on a holiday. Premier Stewart admits he can't enforce the prohibition law, said Dr. McNeill, and practically every law is flagrantly violated. It is not time we had a change said Dr. McNeill. I have gone into this election for no other reason than to save your children from the ravages of the drink traffic. He concluded by asking the electors to mark their ballots for himself and Mr. Allan.

Hon. James A. McNeill was the next speaker and in a short and concise speech thanked the electors for support on previous occasions and solicited a continuance of that support on Saturday next. As he had a cold and was not feeling his best he said he would give the balance of his time to Hon. A. F. Arsenault.

Hon. A. F. Arsenault followed Hon. Mr. McNeill and said, you have heard Dr. McNeill and Mr. Allan describing the evils of intemperance, the conditions that existed here some twenty years ago. They have tried to arouse your passions by shedding tears over the miseries caused by the immoderate use of intoxicating liquors. But this is not the issue under discussion. We all agree that the immoderate use of liquor has caused great evils and brought about much misery, but the issue raised is not the abolishing of manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor for then we would all vote for it, but the best means or system to adopt to control these evils. Surely the Liberals claim to love and admire the virtue of temperance more than the Conservatives do. Temperance is indeed one of the greatest virtues, to be temperate and moderate in all things should be the aim of every respectable citizen. But, ladies and gentlemen, you must realize now that this great virtue must be fostered in the young children by the parents, by your fathers and mothers, and our schools must inculcate it in the young minds of our children. The churches must sustain and retain by the individuals, by self and personal efforts, by the exercise of personal sacrifice and vigilance and personal control and force of character.

Ladies and gentlemen, do not expect the legislature to make you or your children virtuous. You must do it yourselves. It is not the duty of the state to legislate in matters of morality. We have the ten commandments and the churches to make us good. It is the duty of the state to protect the property, the lives and characters of our people, to legislate so that no man shall encroach upon the proprietary rights of others, that no man shall endanger the life of his fellowman, nor shall he take away his character and good name by slanderous attacks. The man who so forgets himself so as to interfere with the rights and enjoyments of others must be punished, but one can use in moderation of all that which nature has provided him without the interference of the law.

We have in this community as in many communities men who do not think that the taking of one drink or using intoxicating liquor in moderation is a sin and we as

- KINGS COUNTY**
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  - Third District: Councillor—H. Frank MacPhee, Thomas V. Grant, Assemblyman—Leslie J. Hunter, John Musters.
  - Fourth District: Councillor—Martin MacKinnon, W. B. Butler, Assemblyman—Maynard F. MacDonald, John A. Campbell.
  - Fifth District: Councillor—James D. Stewart, George B. Saville, Assemblyman—J. Howard MacDonald, Paul A. Scully.

legislators must deal with that class. We do not wish to compel them any longer to go to a doctor and by resorting to hypocrisy and deception obtain a script to procure liquor. We say to him you are an honest respectable citizen, you can obtain a permit which will allow you to procure your liquor without such hypocrisy, we want your cooperation and we want you to respect the law. Unfortunately today too many apparently honest and respectable citizens do not hesitate in procuring liquors from illegal sources. This has brought about disrespect of the law and unfortunately the bootleggers are finding too many customers in that class. But you say that if a man abuses liquor his permit will be taken from him and he will go to the bootleggers. We reply if that man does not use liquor properly he has a right to be punished and but only then he will receive no sympathy from his fellow men. And even if he has to go to the bootleggers, we hope that the number will be so small that the bootlegger will not make large profits as at present and will soon cease his nefarious traffic. For after all, if the bootlegger has no other customers to deal with but drunkards, who are liable to make a public exhibition of themselves, and then easily expose the bootlegger to prosecution. I say, ladies and gentlemen, that the bootleggers will be afraid to deal with this class and take severe chances of being caught and severely dealt with under our increased penalties. With those who claim that prohibition has done a lot of good we agree. It has formed public sentiment strongly against public drinking, it has created a disrespect and hatred against the drunkards, for now you do not like to associate with a man who is intoxicated, you do not like to see him at parties, picnics and public gatherings. He is a cause of annoyance to everybody. But nevertheless under prohibition many evils have arisen. To you grey haired men in the audience I ask if ever during the days when drunkenness was more apparent you ever hear of a citizen of this community or other communities manufacturing whiskey. Yet today we have those. Did you ever hear of bootleggers carrying on this traffic and soliciting and selling liquors to both old and young. Never did you ever hear of extract of Jamaica ginger, extract of lemon, and such poisonous substitutes for liquor. You did not. Did you ever hear of young people making home brew and hiding it behind haystacks in hay fields and so forth. Never did you ever hear of apparently respectable men hiding and assisting bootleggers or their agents. You talk of the evils of drunkenness. Ladies and gentlemen I would rather see a man drunk, a man having lost the use of his reason and intelligence than see a man using that mind and intelligence given to him by God to guide him and direct him in the accomplishment of good in plotting or scheming how to evade and defeat the law of the land and avoid detection. Unless we stop these evils we will soon lose all the good that prohibition has left with us. It is up to you, ladies and gentlemen, to do your own thinking and to seriously and conscientiously consider the best method of dealing with the abuse of liquor. Whether it is better for us to continue this hypocrisy and deception in the securing of doctor's scripts and ultimately many laws, or attempt to deal with this annoying question by cheaper liquor and cheaper scripts according to Mr. Saunders policy. Or else deal mainly with the abuse of liquor, bootleggers, moonshiners and poisonous substitutes by adopting a strict government control which has been tried in seven provinces of Canada and proved more satisfactory and more easily enforced than prohibition.

M. A. E. McLean, M. P., followed Hon. Mr. Arsenault and was well received. His address was different from the Liberal speakers who preceded him inasmuch as it did not contain one word about prohibition. Mr. McLean refrained from any comment on the operation of the prohibition law in this

province at present and did not say whether or not he was in favor of retaining the present prohibition law as proposed by Mr. Saunders. He said he thought the matter should not have been brought into the speech from the throne because he believed public opinion was against the improved temperance policy and that a plebiscite should have been taken. He dealt with the promises made by the Stewart Government claiming they had not fulfilled them.

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# IS MR. SAUNDERS SINCERE?

## Read This And Judge For Yourselves.

The following is the copy of a letter sent by Mr. Saunders, Leader of the Opposition with regard to his policy—it speaks for itself and for his palpable insincerity in espousing Prohibition:

Summerside, P. E. I., March 21st, 1927

Dear Sir—  
Some of the executive members of the East Prince Liberal Association feel that on account of Premier Stewart's pronouncement in favor of Government Control of liquor as one of the planks in the Conservative platform at the next ensuing Provincial Election, it might be advisable to call an informal meeting in your district of some of the prominent and outstanding Party workers to consider this question and to advise me just what course you think our Party should adopt. I think it would be advisable to have such a meeting at once, as no time should be lost.

I have reason to think that the election may be called on an early date, possibly the middle of May. For that reason our Party must be prepared to announce its policy at an early date. I also feel that meeting should not be too large, as it might only lead to some acrimonious discussion without any tangible results. I do, however, think it is that both sides should be well represented at such a meeting—that is, those who favor the present law and those who are opposed to it.

Kindly do not let our Conservative friends know anything about such a meeting. The Chairman of your meeting should also make it quite clear that everything should be strictly in our Party's interests and of a confidential nature. We need not remind you how carefully guarded the Conservatives kept all their discussions, and kept their own counsel. Please impress this on all who attend your meeting.

You should also bring to the attention of the meeting that our success at this election means more than on any former occasion. We will be getting at least \$160,000.00 additional subsidy, and it will simplify the work to such an extent that I am sure whichever Party succeeds in this occasion will be there for the next fifteen years. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that you do all you reasonably can to have your meeting view the situation with an open mind, and then report to me that you are in the best interests of our Party. You can then report to me that the meeting is in favor of Government Control or in favor of retaining the Prohibition Act, or are evenly divided on the question, as the case may be. This will enable me to come to what I hope may be a conclusion in the very best interests of our Party.

Yours truly,  
**ALBERT C. SAUNDERS**

With regard to the \$40,000 C. N. R. grant he said it had been advocated by Mr. D. A. MacKinnon and that the grant of \$125,000 increase in subsidy obtained by Premier Stewart had been forethought in the speech from the throne because he believed public opinion was against the improved temperance policy and that a plebiscite should have been taken. He dealt with the promises made by the Stewart Government claiming they had not fulfilled them.

# THE PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

**"I'm SO SORRY"**  
Edward Theatre. At no time were we approached by the Liberal party or by the Temperance Alliance asking for that date. The speaker who was scheduled did not arrive and Saturday afternoon the theatre was released for any party wanting it Sunday, likewise our broadcasting plant.  
Our policy has invariably been to put our plant equally at the disposal of all parties in any political discussion and both Mr Burke and myself are so well known in this state that it is unnecessary to do otherwise has been seriously attempted at any time.  
Our service was not tied up as stated in the Patriot. Our hours of broadcasting this week have been allotted indiscriminately to both parties as they requested them without interfering with the reservations of either.  
I am, Sir, etc.  
**K. S. ROGERS,**  
Charlottetown, June 22nd.

**HISTORY WILL REPEAT ITSELF**  
Sir—The Patriot, in a sort of half-hearted way, is predicting a Liberal victory on Saturday. It is too bad that the Liberal organ is being so badly deceived by the noise the Prohibitionists are making. It should know, from experience, that noise has always been the chief-stick-in-trade of the advocates of Prohibition. In fact, they made so much noise in Ontario, previous to the elections there in December, that Hon. W. F. Nickel, who left the Ferguson government on the liquor question, stated, three days before the election, that forty per cent. of the Conservative voters in the Province were going to vote with the Liberals and that Prohibition would sweep the Province. When the ballots were counted on the night of the election, however, there was another tale to tell, and if history does not repeat itself in this Province on Saturday, then I miss my guess.  
I am, Sir, etc.  
**PHOPHET**

**"SAVE US FROM OUR MINISTERS!"**  
Sir—As a member of the United Church I feel very keenly the high-handed action of the Government in Ontario in compelling its ministers to go out and preach against Government Control. Many of these ministers believe it but if they do not do as ordered by the "Czar" in Toronto they will lose their connection with the Church. Civil Liberty was gained for us at too great a price to forfeit it to a struggle and I call on all members of the United Church to teach their domineering officials who are seeking political power, a lesson on Saturday. Let us give the Stewart Government such a vote as will say to the world that Prince Edward Island stands for another glorious example of Civil Liberties upheld.  
I am, Sir, etc.  
**UNITED CHURCH MEMBER**

**PATRIOT ROORBACK EXPLODED**  
Sir—I desire to contradict absolutely certain impressions which may be given by the editorial in the Charlottetown Patriot of June 22nd headed "Unfair Tactics."  
Sunday night's broadcasting hours from 8.30 to 10.30 p. m. were reserved by the Conservative party with instructions from the committee to install pickup at the Prince

Edward Theatre. At no time were we approached by the Liberal party or by the Temperance Alliance asking for that date. The speaker who was scheduled did not arrive and Saturday afternoon the theatre was released for any party wanting it Sunday, likewise our broadcasting plant.  
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# WHAT WILL GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF LIQUOR MEAN?

- The end of hypocrisy and deceit.
  - Less temptation for the young people in country and city.
  - The end of the smugglers' diabolical pull with the Dominion Government.
  - Prince Edward Island will be able to hold up its head once more instead of being in the words of the clergy, "A blot on the fair Dominion."
  - Better law enforcement.
  - More respect for the laws including the Automobile Act.
  - Money that is now spent on bootleg, moonshine and "rotgut" will be distributed for the benefit of farm produce, manufactured goods, store merchandise and the relief of taxations.
  - The salvation of the bodies and souls of our people, and the eradication of all the hideous evils which have sprung up under "Prohibition which does not prohibit."
- EVERY VOTER who believes in giving the boys and girls the best chance possible; who wants to preserve intact Prince Edward Island's deliverance from the domination of drink, socially and politically, should vote for Government Control of Liquor. VOTE FOR CANDIDATES WHO BELIEVE IN CONTROLLING THE LIQUOR BUSINESS.
- What Have We to Gain by Continuing the present deplorable state of affairs?

# HOW TO VOTE IN CHARLOTTETOWN

If you want Premier Stewart returned to power, mark your ballots as under:

**C. GAVIN DUFFY**  
OF CHARLOTTETOWN, BARRISTER.

**WILLIAM J. P. McMILLAN**  
OF CHARLOTTETOWN, PHYSICIAN

**EDMUND T. HIGGS**  
OF CHARLOTTETOWN, MERCHANT

**W. CHESTER S. McLURE**  
OF CHARLOTTETOWN, TRADER