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Editorial Comments.

Some of the witnesses who went before the Royal Commission think that Prohibition should be deferred until the people are educated up to observe it.

Rev. Father McAulay in declaring against Prohibition, told the Commission at he did not think the Divine law prohibited the moderate use of any of God's works, or of any combination of them.

It is a sad commentary on some of the theology of the day that nearly every liquor dealer who went before the Commission expressed opinions on the liquor question far more creditable to the Christian sentiment of the community than did at least one of the city clergymen.

We would advise our S'aside friends, the ladies included, to attend the sessions of the Prohibition Commission in full force. The members, with one exception, need a good manifestation of public temperance sentiment to keep them straight.

How is it with the exception of one of the Commissioners, questions are not asked, as to the effect of the liquor traffic, upon the industrial, commercial, and social interests of the community?

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Were the "Scott Act" as inefficient for the suppression of drinking as it is attempted to be shown, that does not prove that prohibition would not succeed in effecting the suppression of the drink habit. It is the non-prohibitory provisions of the Scott Act that are its weakness, and because of these it was found difficult to enforce.

Little as we had expected from the commission, we had hoped that the members thereof would have kept within the four-corners of the commission, and would have been able to have presented some valuable information to parliament to the effect of the liquor traffic on the industrial and other interests of the Dominion.

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The worst in the Dominion of Canada. This place is owned by a Rev. gentleman who is absent from the Island. There is a clergyman in the court who has taken this matter in hand both in the press and from the pulpit. The working man does not go home till six o'clock on Saturday, and as the rum shops are closed at six, he cannot get any liquor till Monday morning. Prohibition is the law we want and the law we must have. If the ministers and temperance people keep at it, our people will be better educated for prohibition ten years from to-day. Owing to our coast being so easy of approach, a great deal of smuggling would be practised, and prohibition would be difficult to enforce. Some of the country districts have been getting liquor and selling it during the Scott Act. The habit under the Scott Act was to get into a place slyly, purchase liquor and carry it home. I think there has been a decrease in drunkenness during the last 8 or 9 years. The fine here for drunkenness is very low, and should be increased 100 per cent. Any decrease in drunkenness is to be attributed to the pulpit and temperance lecturers. They have done more than legislation.

There was less drinking when the Scott Act was enforced. There was a change in the in the duties, an increase, in the last session of parliament. It was small and would not effect the importation very largely. I never saw a temperance man pretend to be a drinking man; but I knew drinking men pretend to be temperance men. The pretence is on the part of the drinking man. Dr. McLeo:—Then the insincerity is due to the drinking habit. I don't know how many such men there are, just as many as there are hypocrites. I know of some men, some of the best the sun shines on, and there are also some sneaking hypocrites, some of the best the sun shines on, and there are also some sneaking hypocrites, some of the best the sun shines on, and there are also some sneaking hypocrites.

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The Guardian and the Commission.

DEAR ED. Thank you very much for the sensible and truthful, so far as I understand truth, editorial re Royal Commission in this morning's issue, which are in full accord with my utterances in the pulpit Sunday evening.

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