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Is It I?

LABORERS wanted." The ripening grain
Waits to welcome the reaper's cry ;
The Lord of the harvest calls again ;
Who among us shall first reply ?
Who is wanted, Lord, is it I ?

"The Master calls, but the servants wait ;
Fields gleam white 'neath a cloudless sky ;
Will none seize sickle before too late,
Ere the winter's winds come sweeping by ?
Who is delaying ? Is it I ?

—Southern Christian Advocate.

The Prohibition Plebiscite Act.

CHAPTER 41.

An Act to enable the Electors of the Province to pronounce upon the desirability of prohibiting the Importation, Manufacture and Sale as a Beverage of Intoxicating Liquors.

[Assented to 27th May, 1893.]

WHEREAS it is desirable that opportunity should be afforded to the electors of this Province to express a formal opinion as to whether or not the importation, manufacture and sale into or within this Province of intoxicating liquors as a beverage should be immediately prohibited ; and whereas such opinion can most conveniently be ascertained by ballot in the manner hereinafter mentioned ;

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Prohibition Plebiscite Act.*"

2.—(1). Upon the day fixed by law for holding polls for the annual election of members of municipal councils, in the month of January, 1894, the clerk of every municipality other than a county, shall submit to the vote of the electors hereinafter declared qualified to vote on the same, the question whether or not the said electors are in favour of the prohibition by the competent authority, of the importation, manufacture and sale as a beverage of intoxicating liquors into or within the Province of Ontario.

(2) The polling sub-divisions provided in the case of elections to the Legislative Assembly shall be the polling sub-divisions for voting on this question, and the list of voters to be used shall correspond to such sub-divisions.

3. The provisions of *The Consolidated Municipal Act*, 1892, with respect to municipal elections, shall, save where otherwise provided by this Act, apply (*mutatis mutandis*) to the voting on the said question, and to all officers and persons connected with such voting.

4. The persons qualified to vote on the said question, shall be all persons who are at the said date entered on the last voters' list for the municipality, certified by the county judge under the provisions of *The Ontario Voters' Lists Act*, 1889, as qualified to vote at the elections to serve in the Legislative Assembly, and unmarried women and widows whose names appear on the voters' list as qualified to vote at the election of municipal councillors.

5. No person shall vote more than once on the said question.

6. The voting on the said question shall take place at the time and places at which a poll is held for the purpose of electing municipal councillors, and the persons who act as deputy-returning officers and poll clerks at such election shall act as deputy-returning officers and poll clerks respectively at the voting upon the said question. Should the members of the council of any local municipality or of any ward thereof be elected by acclamation, or should it not be intended for any reason to take the vote of the electors in any such local municipality or any ward thereof, the council shall nevertheless duly appoint deputy-

returning officers, and the clerk shall supply all proper lists of voters and poll books, and ballots, and ballot boxes, and perform all necessary acts for the taking the vote on the said question, and the said deputy-returning officers and the poll clerks and all other officers of said municipality shall act in all respects as fully for the purpose of receiving the votes of the electors upon said question as though members of the council were being voted for throughout said municipality and in every ward thereof.

7. The clerk of every municipality other than a county shall before the date fixed for taking the vote, cause to be printed at the expense of the municipality and in the form and colours by this Act provided, a sufficient number of ballot papers for the purposes of this Act, and shall forward the same to the persons appointed to act as deputy-returning officers at the said election and voting.

8. The ballot papers shall be in the form provided in Schedule "A" to this Act, and those required for male voters shall be printed on yellow paper, and those required for female voters shall be printed on blue paper.

9. In the case of municipalities which are not divided into wards or polling sub-divisions, the clerk shall provide himself with the necessary ballot papers, the materials for marking ballot papers, printed directions to voters, voters' lists and poll book ; and the clerk shall perform the like duties with respect to the whole municipality as are imposed upon a deputy-returning officer in respect of a ward or polling sub-division.

10. The clerk shall cause notice of time and places at which the polling shall take place, to be published in the same manner, and as far as possible in the same form, as in the case of notice of polling at a municipal election.

11. The clerk shall, in said notice, fix a time when, and a place where he will sum up the number of votes given upon the said question in the affirmative and negative, respectively.

12. The clerk of the municipality shall attend at his office on the second Monday in December, 1893, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon for the appointment of persons to attend at the various polling places, and at the final summing up of the votes by the clerk on behalf of the persons advocating the affirmative and negative of said question respectively.

13. The clerk shall appoint, from among the applicants for such appointment, or on behalf of applicants, for each municipality, ward or polling sub-division in the said district in writing signed by them, two persons, who may be members of some recognized temperance organization, on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of obtaining the affirmative answer to the said question, and a like number of agents on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of obtaining a negative answer of the said question, to attend at each polling place and at the summing up of the votes by the clerk.

14. Before any person is so appointed, he shall make and subscribe, before the clerk, a declaration in the form in Schedule "B" to this Act, that he is interested in, and desirous of obtaining an affirmative or negative answer, as the case may be, to the said question.

15. Every person so appointed, before being admitted to the polling place or the summing up of the votes, as the case may be, shall produce to the deputy-returning officer, or clerk of the municipality, as the case may be, his written appointment.

16. In case no person was appointed as aforesaid or in the absence of any person authorized as aforesaid to attend at a polling place, or at the final summing up of the votes, any elector entitled to vote on the said question or any elector who is in the same interest as the person so absent, may, upon making and subscribing, before the deputy-returning officer at the polling place, or the clerk of the municipality, a declaration in the form of Schedule "B" to this Act, be admitted to the polling place to act for the person so absent.

17. (1) The clerk of the municipality shall, at least two weeks before the poll is opened, procure from the clerk of the peace the proper list of persons entitled to vote at elections to serve in the Legislative Assembly under *The*

Ontario Election Act, 1892, and shall, before opened, forward the same in addition to the list appearing on the voters' list to be entitled, *Consolidated Municipal Act*, 1892, to vote in that polling subdivision, at municipal elections, to the returning officer of such ward or polling subdivision. The clerk shall attest the said lists by his signature in writing under his hand. Where the municipality has such lists in his custody, he shall forward the same to the deputy-returning officer and the clerk of the peace.

(2) In case from any cause no poll is being held, the lists to be so forwarded shall be those of persons qualified to vote at elections to the Legislative Assembly as aforesaid, and unmarried women appearing on the voters' list to be entitled to vote at municipal elections.

18. The directions to voters to be furnished shall be in the form provided in Schedule "C" to this Act.

19. Deputy-returning officers may vote on the said question, and persons employed, in the same manner, as at municipal elections.

20. In the poll book, at the polling place at the municipality, a column, headed "prohibition," shall be added therein against the names of persons voting on the said question, in addition to the other columns to be made at municipal elections.

21. The oaths to be administered to persons offering to vote on the said question shall be in the form set forth in Schedule "D" to this Act, and shall be administered to unmarried women offering to vote on the said question shall be as set forth in Schedule "E."

22. Immediately after the closing of the polling place the deputy-returning officer shall, in the presence of the persons authorized to attend at the polling place, cause the votes given "yes" and "no" on the said question to be made up into separate packets, to be sealed and the seals of such of the persons present as desire to affix their seals, to be placed outside with a sworn statement of the date, the name of the deputy-returning officer, and of the ward or polling subdivision :—

- (a) A statement shewing,—
 - (1) The votes given "yes" by male voters.
 - (2) The votes given "yes" by female voters.
 - (3) The votes given "no" by male voters.
 - (4) The votes given "no" by female voters.
 - (b) The used ballot papers which have been counted.
 - (c) The ballot papers which have been rejected and have been counted.
 - (d) The rejected ballot papers.
 - (e) The spoiled ballot papers.
 - (f) The unused ballot papers.
 - (g) The voters' list with the certificate of the deputy-returning officer thereto attached, setting out the number of male voters who were entitled to vote on the said question, (2) the number of female voters, (3) the total number of male voters, and (4) the total number of female voters, and a declaration in the form set out in Schedule "F" to this Act, that the said list was used in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and that the entries therein were correctly made ;
- And shall forthwith deliver the same to the clerk of the municipality.

23. Every deputy-returning officer who is so to do, shall deliver to the persons attending at his polling place, a certificate setting out the number of votes given at the polling place "yes" and "no" on the said question, distinguishing between the votes so given by male voters and female voters, and (2) of the number of rejected ballot papers.

24. The clerk of every municipality shall, at least two weeks before the poll is opened, procure from the clerk of the peace the proper list of persons entitled to vote at elections to serve in the Legislative Assembly under *The*