

Council be that the Province has jurisdiction to pass only a partial prohibitory bill, such a prohibitory bill as the decision would warrant shall be introduced, unless the partial prohibitory power is so limited as to be ineffective from a temperance standpoint."

The Privy Council decision has come, and the latest knot in the noose that is dropping over the head of the doomed Canadian liquor traffic has just been added by Premier Hardy, in reply to the temperance deputation of July 16th. "Here are the promises; the people's response to them, and the decision of the court of last resort," said the deputation. "Are you the Government that made these pledges?" "We are the same Government—we will take no backward step," was the reply.

What, then, have we a right to expect?

That the partial prohibitory legislation, that is beyond dispute within the gift of the Government, shall be enacted this winter:

1st. *Seven o'clock closing*—not in spots, where the people are able to wring it from the reluctant grasp of the License Board, but from Windsor to Ottawa, in city, town and village.

2d. An immense reduction in the possible number of licensed places.

3d. The element of local greed eliminated by devoting all license revenue exclusively to the Provincial Government.

4th. The old license, to be held at the will of the people, a majority petition of those resident in the subdivision where it is situated being sufficient to prevent its renewal.

Hundreds of places that are the veriest nuisances are, year after year, given a fresh lease of life, despite the protest of the property owners and law-abiding forces of the community, because, as now existing, the law provides no remedy.

5th. That the new license shall be more difficult to obtain. The signatures of two-thirds of the resident voters in the polling subdivision where it is to be located shall be necessary to its consideration by the Board. And the names of all who are ready to shoulder the responsibility for its existence shall be the property of the public, the applicant being required to publish them, at his own expense, in two of the local papers.

6th. That saloons, pure and simple, be abolished.

7th. That third, fifth or tenth offences shall no longer masquerade as firsts, making the veriest farce of that section of the present license law designed to prevent its infraction.

8th. That the illegally issued license shall drop of its own weight.

I don't know how to stop at No. 8, for every one of the remaining one dozen demands, formulated for presentation to the Ontario Government by the Toronto Convention of July 16th, is