

PREMIER HAZEN'S REPLY TO TEMPERANCE DELEGATION

Sections of the Province Where the Sentiment of the People is Undoubtedly Not Favorable to Prohibition --The Scott Act a Stronger Force For Temperance Than Any Measure Which the Province Has Power to Apply-- Amendments Will be Made to the Liquor License Act.

The following is the text of the reply of Premier Hazen to the temperance delegation, who recently laid petitions asking for Provincial prohibition before the Government:

J. Willard Smith, Esq., President of Temperance Federation, St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir:—On January 19 last the government had the pleasure of meeting a delegation, composed of representatives of various temperance organizations, headed by yourself, which asked that a law prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquor be introduced at the next session of the Legislative Assembly, and at the same time petitions in favor of such a measure were presented to the government.

Number of Signatures.

County	Male	Female	Total
Gloucester	34	24	58
Albert	261	95	356
Carleton	435	284	719
Charlotte	290	130	420
Kent	292	68	360
Kings	266	83	349
Northumberland	588	204	792
Sunbury & Queens	562	379	941
Restigouche	122	3	125
York	240	15	255
St. John City and County	2028	995	3023
Victoria and Madawaska	608	347	955
Westmorland	1127	349	1476
	6774	2957	9731

It is impossible to tell how many of those who signed the petitions were persons under the age of twenty-one years, but it is evident on examination of the petitions and from statements received from other sources that a proportion were young people and that the signatures were not confined to electors or persons of mature years.

Population of Province.

County	Population
Albert	10,923
Carleton	21,621
Gloucester	27,936
Charlotte	22,415
Kent	23,958
Kings	21,855
Northumberland	28,543
Restigouche	10,586
St. John City and County	51,759
Sunbury and Queens	16,906
Victoria and Madawaska	21,136
Westmorland	42,062
York	31,620

The Canada Temperance Act, 331,120

The Canada Temperance Act is now and has been for many years past in force in the counties of Albert, Carleton, Charlotte, Kings, Northumberland, Sunbury, Queens, Westmorland and York.

These counties have a united population of one hundred and ninety-five thousand seven hundred and forty-five (195,745), and of these only five thousand two hundred and sixty-five have signed the petitions in favor of prohibition. In these counties the temperance sentiment is undoubtedly strong and the fact that so small a proportion of the inhabitants, only about one-thirtieth of the whole have signed the prohibition petition, is not proof to the contrary. It may more fairly be attributed to the fact that the people see no good reason for believing that such a prohibitory law as could be enacted by the provincial legislature, which would not prevent the importation of liquor into New Brunswick, nor its manufacture in the province, for sale without the province, would restrain the sale of intoxicants any more effectually than the Canada Temperance Act to which for many years they have adhered in the face of many attempts made for its repeal.

Counties Under License. The counties in which licenses are

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granted are Restigouche, Gloucester, Kent, Victoria and Madawaska and the City and County of St. John. In some of these, however, prohibition is in force to a certain extent, for no licenses can at present be granted in the wards on the western side of the City of St. John, in the parish of St. Martins, in several parishes in Victoria county and in the Parish of Berford in Gloucester county.

The population of those counties consists of one hundred and thirty-five thousand three hundred and seventy-five (135,375) persons, and of this number four thousand four hundred and sixty-seven (4,467) have petitioned for the passage of a prohibitory law.

Temperance Legislation.

The government is sincerely desirous of encouraging legislation along such lines as will promote sobriety and the cause of temperance in the province, but to impose prohibition upon certain sections in advance of public sentiment would, in the judgment of the government, be more likely to retard such cause than to advance it.

The government, in view of these facts is of opinion that evidence has not been adduced to justify it in coming to the conclusion that there is a sufficiently strong public sentiment in the counties of New Brunswick in which license is now in force to warrant the introduction of a prohibitory liquor law, or to warrant it in concluding that if such a law was passed it could be successfully enforced, or that it is generally admitted that in order to successfully enforce a prohibitory law there must be a strong public sentiment in favor of it.

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The government would call your attention, as I did at the time that I had the pleasure of meeting your delegation, to the fact that the powers of the local legislature are limited so far as prohibition is concerned. While the Dominion Parliament has power to pass a law prohibiting the sale, manufacture and importation of intoxicating liquors, the local legislature can only prohibit the sale and the manufacture in the province for sale within the province. In other words, the adoption of the Canada Temperance Act in any city or town will so far as the locality that adopts it is concerned, give exactly the same degree of prohibition as would be afforded to the province generally by the passage of a prohibitory law such as was asked for by your delegation, for a local prohibitory law is after all in effect nothing more or less than an enlarged Scott Act.

In view of this fact and the further fact that any county now under license can adopt the provisions of The Canada Temperance Act and thus have prohibition within its boundaries, whenever a majority of the electors who go to the polls vote in favor of doing so, it would seem unwise to force prohibition upon those counties which are now under license and in which a majority of the electors are opposed to further restriction at the present time.

Local Option Now in Force.

In addition to the Canada Temperance Act, however, there are other means by which local prohibition may be obtained. The Legislative Assembly in 1902 passed an Act which provides that when it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant Governor in Council that the public sentiment in any parish where the Liquor License Act is in force is largely in favor of prohibition, the Lieut. Governor in Council may by order in council declare that thereafter no license for the sale of liquor shall be issued in such parish.

Strict Enforcement of License Act.

The government is in favor of a strict enforcement of the Liquor License Act and all other laws and has advised the Liquor License Commissioners in St. John and other places that it is their duty to see that the provisions of the law regarding the number of licenses, the hours of closing, etc., are closely adhered to, and it is the intention of the government at the coming session of the Legislature to introduce a bill amending section 21 of the Liquor License Act, so that a fair opportunity may be afforded the electors in any ward or parish of giving expression at the ballot box to their feelings in favor of or against licenses being granted, as the present provisions of the Act in that respect are, in the opinion of the government not calculated to bring forth a fair expression of opinion, and are unjust to those who are opposed to license.

Will Amend License Act.

I desire to point out that reasonable and proper amendments of section 21 above referred to will enable the electors in any ward or parish in which there is a strong prohibition sentiment to prevent the issuance of licenses therein. It is submitted that with such amendments the opportunity will be afforded of restricting from time to time by the direct vote of the

people the area of the province under licenses, and thus step by step the goal at which you and those associated with you are aiming will be reached.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant.

J. D. HAZEN.
St. John, N. B., Feb. 27, 1909.

GLENCOE.

Glencoe, Feb. 27.—The men are all home from the lumber woods. The roads are in an excellent condition for travelling.

Justice McConnell made a business trip to Marysville recently.

D. Brewer spent Monday in the city.

Miss S. C. McConnell was visiting her sister, Mrs. G. Clark, of North Portage.

Mr. McDonald made a business trip to Chatham last week.

Myrtle London was the guest of Mrs. John Woodcock last week.

Misses Etta and Annie McDonald were the guests of Mrs. J. T. McBean of Covered Bridge on the 22nd.

John Woodcock had the misfortune to lose his home not long ago.



MISS MARTHA FINLEY. She was the author of the "Elsie" stories read by two generations of women. Her death took place Saturday in Elkton, Md.

SHOE SHIPMENTS.

Boston Figures Greater by 20 Per Cent. Than in Same Period Last Year—Retail Trade Dull.

New York, March 1.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade on Saturday said:

In view of shoe shipments for the year are 20 per cent. over the corresponding period of 1908, but deliveries on spring contracts are nearly completed and the outlook for the future is less encouraging. Retail trade in most sections of the country continues dull, and both retailers and jobbers are carrying smaller stocks than usual and are ordering with great moderation in anticipation of lower prices.

The weakness in the domestic hide market is still more pronounced and such sales as have been made are at a further reduction in prices. The leather market is decidedly inactive, with prices weaker on all lines, although supplies on hand are light.

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More People than Aware of It Have Heart Disease.

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