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## THE LIQUOR PROBLEM

At the temperance meeting in the Grand Opera House yesterday afternoon Mr. E. E. Parrott, president of the Kent county organization, in the course of his spirited address sarcastically thanked the local newspapers for "the few crumbs of comfort—and not very big or very sweet crumbs—they had occasionally doled out during the campaign and for the somewhat meagre and half-hearted reports of the temperance meetings that appeared once in a while." Mr. Parrott's supposition of the temperance cause was gratified by the announcement that, during the coming year, a third newspaper would be instituted in Chatham, in which the temperance cause would be treated with a spirit of fairness, and whose guiding principles would be liberty and tolerance.

Mr. Parrott was quite vague in his implied criticisms. He neglected to instance any case of unfairness or discourtesy by the local press and dealt diplomatically and safely in broad generalities. This gentleman has an amusing habit at times of letting an ever-ready and sometimes forcible tongue canter altogether away with him—and we suspect that neither his colleagues nor the public at large will take his remarks over-seriously.

However, even in dealing honestly with a momentous issue, such as the liquor problem, even in voicing his convictions fearlessly and fully, the so-called party press is placed at a serious disadvantage. Political motives are too often unfairly ascribed to every expression of opinion, every principle adopted and advocated.

The Planet is a party paper in the common acceptance of the term. It is a thorough believer in, and therefore a hearty advocate of, the principles and policy of the Liberal-Conservative party, yet this journal would be bereft of its sturdy independence and potent influence if it made all questions subservient to mere political exigencies.

And it was largely with a view to avoiding the insinuations of mere party clap-net that The Planet has preserved a neutral attitude in connection with the campaign on the proposed liquor act, while giving, we submit, both sides fair and full reports of proceedings and meetings.

To put it plainly, in the opinion of this journal Hon. Mr. Ross' referendum measure was a deliberate plan

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to humbug our temperance friends. At the outset—before a vote was cast—the polls were loaded (it might sound more Ross-like if it were said that the ballot-boxes were stuffed) with 212-723 votes, which the temperance people were called upon to overcome—a practically impossible task. It must have been felt, even by the most enthusiastic, that it was almost hopeless to poll the vote required.

But those who brand the result as insignificant are either blinded or wilfully deceiving themselves. Although the supporters of the Act have failed, they unquestionably did extraordinary work and prepared a surprise to both parties—to the liquor interests certainly, and to their friends hardly less.

Hon. Mr. Ross is now seeking to belittle the effect of this surprising development of strength in the prohibition ranks by the statement that the Conservatives generally supported the Act to put him and his colleagues in an embarrassing position. The premier's statement appears to be a subterfuge and is manifestly absurd.

As the Star, the Toronto evening Liberal organ, expressed it on the day following the vote and preceding Mr. Ross' speech, Mr. Whitney and his chief counselors must have seen that Mr. Ross could not be got "into a hole" by such tactics. If the Conservatives had swung into line and carried the Act, it would have been the Premier's duty to go ahead with the law, and the prohibitionists would have seen that their only hope lay in winning the bye-elections for him, so that he would be strong enough to carry out the task.

The bye-elections are in rural constituencies, where, in a political campaign, the prohibitionists would be able to work up a great deal of strength, and so, instead of putting Mr. Ross "in a hole," the Conservatives, by carrying the Act, would have given him all the bye-elections. The Conservatives must have been well aware of this. It is, as we have said, highly improbable, therefore, that the Conservative managers wanted to thus line up and face sure defeat in the bye-elections. The large vote in favor of the Liquor Act polled in the cities cannot, therefore, be explained away or minimized by attributing it to party manipulation.

Mr. Ross and his colleagues have no right to endeavor to minimize the value of the verdict with any such subterfuge. As Mr. Westman, president of the city Temperance Association, pointed out yesterday, no representative government can afford

to ignore the responsibilities resultant upon the vote. The prohibitionists counted upon the rural districts doing as they have in the past in support of their movement, but in the cities also, where the cooler heads among the prohibitionist leaders had no hope of endorsement, there has been a favorable verdict—and a handsomely favorable one, at that—with a total vote heavy enough to prevent it being called a snap judgment.

All the city constituencies, except London, Ottawa, and Kingston, gave majorities for the Act. Comparing this result with that of the plebiscite of 1898, it shows a growth of the prohibition sentiment in the centres of population and business enterprise. With the exception of Brantford, which gave a majority of 441 in favor of a prohibitory act, the cities all went against it by the following majorities: Belleville 72, Guelph 20, Kingston 417, London 585, Toronto 5,224, St. Thomas 546, St. Catharines 465, Ottawa 707, Stratford 268, Hamilton 1,235, and Chatham 347. Woodstock was not then a city.

Now this result, in the opinion of The Planet, means something—something it is useless to further ignore. It may not justify immediate prohibition, but it is at once a justification of further practical restriction upon the traffic, a better enforcement by Mr. Ross' officials of the present license laws and a warning to those engaged in the liquor trade.

With the Banner's low and groveling ideas, expressed on Saturday, to imprison him in jail or hospital, "to establish his status in the body social and political" (to use its own aesthetic mode of expression) when the opportunity to reclaim and protect him and possibly prevent others following his unfortunate and disastrous career may be secured, no intelligent citizen—to say nothing of a patriotic people with a national pride in themselves and their country—will have passing patience. There is enough common sense and public spirited character about the people of this Province to scout with contempt such demoralizing and ridiculous tirades.

But leaving out of the question altogether the moral and practical issues involved in the liquor problem, there can be no doubt that there is a strong sentiment in Ontario in favor of giving prohibition a trial and that the sentiment is growing. The Woodstock Express has pointed out with considerable force that a notable feature of the campaign just closed was the attitude of a large number of people who are not prohibitionists by profession or total abstainers by practice. It is beyond question that many men in Chatham, who are accustomed to take their glass of beer or whiskey, some who at times indulge beyond moderation, as well as some who never go beyond a proper limit, voted for the Act; and what is true of Chatham is evidently true of most other places. They reasoned that if liquor did them no harm, it unquestionably did harm to others; or if they drank did them no harm now, it might do them harm at some future stage; or even if it did them no harm, they would be as well without it, and they would be all the better for having the temptation removed. Whatever were the arguments, the undoubted fact is that the Act received the support of many people who are in the habit of doing more or less drinking.

The warning to those in the liquor business is that their occupation is in grave danger. If the blow has not fallen to-day, it may fall to-morrow. And for the situation in which they find themselves they cannot say that they are wholly blameless. The existing license law is, in some respects, a very good law, as a license law. If it were strictly enforced and conscientiously observed there would be much less demand for prohibition than there is. The license law is prohibitory, so far as Saturday night and Sunday are concerned; it is prohibitory so far as drunkards and minors are concerned. If the liquor dealers themselves lived up to it, or if there was any government sufficiently courageous to enforce it, many of the evils that are justly complained of would disappear; but the fact is that no matter how notorious a drunkard a man may be, he can still get liquor, and no matter how drunk he may be he can still get drunker. This does not mean that all those engaged in the liquor business violate the law; it is always unsafe to generalize too freely; but the fact that is undisputed is that the law is constantly violated. Perhaps, if nothing else should come of the vote, the warning which the liquor dealers have received will not have been given in vain.

Perhaps the warning which the politicians have received will also count for something. Despite his loaded referendum and his repeated efforts to humbug the people Mr. Ross does not stand in an enviable position to-day. His latest explanations and attempted subterfuges to escape the responsibilities of his double-faced course, are not creditable to one in the proud position of

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An Interesting Experiment in Telegraphy at Ottawa Last Night—Utility of the Pacific Cable Demonstrated.

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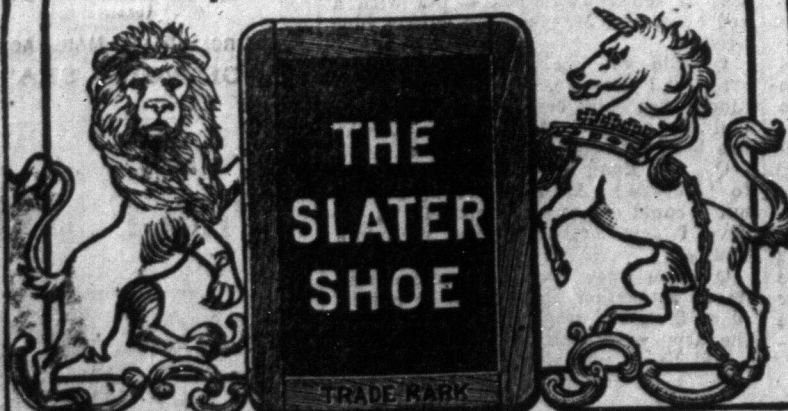
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