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EVERYBODY is back at work and judging from appearances everybody had a big time during the Holidays. Counting on stored up energy generated from plum pudding, Christmas turkey, etc., each and every student has settled down to hard work. The Dies Irae draweth nigh and among the New Year resolutions of the erstwhile careless student is one declaring that henceforth his days and nights will be devoted solely to college work.

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The Plebiscite vote has now become a matter of history and Ontario, in a most emphatic manner, has declared in favor of Prohibition. That the passing of such an act will bring about the desired end, is denied by many who claim that any Legislative act, as such, is powerless to reform men. We venture no opinion on a question that Time alone can satisfactorily answer.

The vote undoubtedly brought about a few surprises. Many were quite convinced that the French vote would be solid against Prohibition, yet Ottawa, with a large French vote, gave a most substantial majority in its favor. But more surprising than the French vote was that of the women. Those who so loudly argued against any extension of the franchise to women because their judgment would be easily swayed by appeals to mere sentiment will have to think about revising their conclusions. No subject quite so well as Temperance lends itself to such appeals and yet the vote by no means shows

that the women eagerly flocked to the polls to blindly cast their votes for what they vaguely felt to be right. For example five thousand women in Toronto had votes, yet of these only eight hundred and sixty-six voted at all, while of these twenty-eight per cent. voted against Prohibition.

What will eventually result from the vote no one can conjecture with any degree of certitude. Certain it is that the Politicians, both Provincial and Dominion, will have to take this question into their most serious consideration. Will Mr. Mowat in this matter be as zealous and as successful as in the past in maintaining the right of the province to act? Will the Dominion legislature be as careful to protect Provincial rights as they were in the Jesuit Estate affair? These are questions time alone will answer and they are questions causing the politicians a deal of worry. In the meantime J. J. McLaren, Q.C., of Toronto, who argues the matter before the Supreme Court, is hopeful. No matter how the decision goes the recent vote is of immense significance.

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Writing of Temperance recalls a somewhat peculiar paragraph in a recent editorial of the Chicago Tribune on the position of the many destitute in that great city. It is as follows:—"There are about 7,000 saloon-keepers here who since the World's Fair boom began have received from men now out of work, or likely to be out of work by the time the snow flies, about \$12,000,000 of their wages. Two thirds of this amount represents clear profit. It has not cost them more than \$4,000,000 for the beer and whisky they have served to thirsty consumers. The remaining \$8,000,000 has gone into their coffers, and they have lived upon the money and had a good time. Now, why should not these 7,000 saloonists undertake to support at least a part of their patrons who are unemployed until they can get a job?"

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During the recent election of officers for the Alma Mater Society, a time when the votes of the lady students were being solicited, either directly by the friends of the contestants or indirectly by the wistful glances or more than usually beaming smiles of the contestants themselves, the question was raised, "In what relation do the lady students of Queen's