

For Temperance People

Editorial Views and Other News on the Great Prohibition Movement

Our temperance and prohibition page seems to have many interested readers judging from requests sent in to keep it going brightly. Many of our readers might like to contribute short articles to this page, and we hereby extend a cordial invitation to use our columns. The temperance sentiment is growing steadily, and is supported by all right thinking people.

THE BRITISH LICENSE BILL

The British Parliament is at present engaged in discussing the Licensing Bill which will give Great Britain control over the liquor traffic. The mere fact that such a measure can be discussed in the British House of Commons shows the immense advance in the public sentiment.

The vital clauses in the Bill are those dealing with the breaking of the vested rights in the sale of liquor. According to the Balfour Bill passed about six years ago all licenses were made permanent and could not be cut off without compensation. The compensation paid would grow greater and greater in proportion as there were fewer and fewer licenses in existence.

The new bill provides that at the end of fourteen years the vested interests in any license will cease and all licenses granted shall be granted for one year only and shall be considered as an entirely new license and the added value given to any place of entertainment or inn by the granting of a license shall be paid in full into the coffers of the state.

These clauses, by the Tory and financial press, are considered to be absolutely confiscatory of proprietary rights.

THE TRADE UP A TREE

The financial and Tory papers are correct. The license Bill is certainly a confiscatory measure when looked at solely from a financial point of view. But there is a question of morals bound up in the Bill. The Bill recognizes the principle that there can be no property interests in the trade which degrades mankind. A Circuit Court Judge of an American Western State decided a few years ago that the granting of a liquor license was against the Constitution for the same reason.

The House of Lords is against the measure and perhaps they will lengthen the fourteen year period to a period of twenty-one years. It is not likely that they will throw out the measure. The Asquith Government has declared that should the House of Lords throw out the License Bill, his Majesty's Liberal Government, as a means of raising revenue, will immediately pass a law heavily taxing all liquor licenses.

It is a principle of the British Constitution that the House of Lords must not interfere with measures of taxation because the power of the purse belongs to the people's representatives in their Parliament assembled. In whatever way, therefore, the sellers of alcoholic beverages try to fight the measure they will be doomed to defeat.

The people of England are becoming aroused over the power of the beer kings and when the British nation becomes aroused the particular interests opposing the national will must yield.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Some of the French deputies are endeavoring to stop the sale of absinthe in France.

The City Council of Chilliwack, B.C., has passed a by-law reducing the hours of sale for bar rooms. The bar must now close at 10 p.m. and remain closed till 6.30 a.m.

In the municipality of Howland, Manitoulin Island, Ont., the petition for the submission of a Local Option by-law has been signed by nearly fifty per cent. of the electors.

A Local Option petition sufficiently signed has been presented to the Town-

ship Council of Morris, in Huron, Ont. The temperance people don't look for a walk-over, but they expect to win.

The township of Orillia, Ont., has filed its Local Option petition bearing 74 names. In consequence there is rejoicing among the temperance people, not alone of the township, but of the town of Orillia as well.

The Provincial Authorities of Manitoba intend to prosecute the Winnipeg dealers who have been selling brandy drops to children. The brandy chocolate drop is an insidious method of fastening the liquor habit upon the young.

The Governor of Nebraska intends to call a special session of the Legislature passing a State wide Prohibition Bill. If the Prohibition Bill passes, Nebraska will become the ninth state under a Prohibitory Law.

Three hundred and thirty-five thousand barrels of beer have been drunk in Pittsburgh during the past year. The brewers are alarmed at the decrease in the beer and are laying the blame upon the activities of the Anti-saloon League and the W. C. T. U.

During sixteen days two thousand seven hundred and eighty-three women were seen entering one public house in Birmingham, Eng. This is considered a shocking state of affairs. A few years ago such a report would have passed unnoticed. Public sentiment is awakening rapidly.

The production of distilled spirits fell off by forty odd million gallons during the past fiscal year. The president of the Distilleries Securities Corporation, otherwise known as the whiskey trust, declared in 1907 that prohibition did not stop the sale of whiskey; it only changed the method of distribution. In 1908 the president of the whiskey trust remains silent on the subject.

The Carthusian Monastery near Grenoble where the monks used to make the celebrated yellow and green cordial known as Chartreuse was confiscated by the state recently and handed over to the General Council of the department of Isere. The Council has turned the Monastery into a school where the young will learn how to make butter and cheese. The French clericals may regret that milk now flows where whiskey once was made. The change, however, will be beneficial to France.

A brewery company has been mislaid somewhere in New York city. Its name is the Independent Brewing Company of New York City. It was organized last May with \$1,100,000 stock and \$500,000 bonds. Its office rent is due and all the officials have disappeared and no trace can be found of the "kegs, barrels, waggons, teams, vats, and buildings," which the company were said to own. "Col." Perch was the chief promoter of the company. If any-

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one happens to meet this Brewing Company running around loose in Canada, kindly notify the New York authorities.

WILL SUBMIT TO THE PEOPLE

Toronto's City Council has decided to submit the matter of license reduction to the ratepayers at the next municipal election. The interesting history leading up to this decision is of so recent making that it does not need to be referred to. Many temperance people in the city, we believe, are not pleased with the decision of the Council; but we cannot see that any great exception can be taken to it. It was quite within the power of the Council to order the reduction themselves, and pass a safe and solid by-law in the place of the one disallowed last spring, but if they did not feel inclined so to do we believe it is now quite within the power of the temperance people of the city to bring out such a vote in favor of reduction that any Council will have a hard time evading it. This, we believe, they will do, though, incidentally, they will do well, also, to see to it that the Council of 1909 will be of such a complexion that they will have a mind to do what they will be asked to do along this line.

These two things the temperance people of the city will, we believe, undertake, and there will be hot times. But always and everywhere the temperance cause stands to gain by agitation and campaigning.—Christian Guardian.

A Losing Game

There is some chance of winning at 'most every game that's played, From polo down to ping-pong, and from poker to old-maid. You always have some show to prove your strength or craft or skill, And if friendly fortune favors—call it luck, or what you will—You may carry off the honors, but one game you'll surely lose, And that's the game that people play with

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You may dally with the ponies, buck the wheel, or take a round Out of fluctuating finance, and still 'scape safe and sound; You may margin May if hopeful the price go up or down, Or get a little hatchet, carterizationize the town—Cut up any crazy caper a fickle fancy choose, But don't attempt to get the best of

Old Man Booze.

—Rex H. Lampman in Nettle Chronotype.

Three Towns Together

In Woodstock, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg, the three principal towns in Oxford County, Ont., petitions asking for the submission of a Local Option by-law have been presented to the local Councils. The Woodstock petition bore eight hundred and fifty-five signatures out of a total of two thousand eight hundred and thirty-two.

The Ingersoll petition was signed by over five hundred electors. The Tillsonburg petition was sufficiently signed, but the figures are not available just yet.—Pioneer.

The referendum on Prohibition, ordered by the Parliament of Iceland, has taken place, with the result that in 21 electoral districts out of 27 the vote was, for Prohibition, 7,271; against, 2,611. The six districts not yet accounted for are so small that the result cannot now be altered, so that the Prohibition of the importation and trading in intoxicating liquors will soon be in full operation throughout the whole country. The Prohibition of the manufacture of intoxicating liquors was adopted throughout, the country some years since.—Pioneer.

Education is delightful—culture is immense. Learning makes the ignorant look like 30 cents.—McCutcheon.

PHYSICIAN GIVES ADVICE

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