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 - 1914—Liberals fought General Election on "Abolish the Bar" issue. Government opposed it.
 - 1915—The Liberals re-introduced Abolish the Bar policy. Hearst Government rejected it.
 - 1916—Government and Opposition united to unanimously put Prohibition into effect.

Prohibition and the War.

"The war was in progress for nineteen months before the Government finally adopted Prohibition. They rejected it in the session of 1915. They also rejected in that year a number of other Liberal proposals including the closing of the bars at 7, 8, 9, and 10 o'clock.

"Even after the passing of the Prohibition Act the government in South-Western Ontario supported a candidate favouring wine and beer licenses, and it was only the defeat of the government's own candidate in that contest which saved the Province from wine and beer licenses."

The present attitude of the Liberal Party on the question of Temperance cannot be better explained than by quoting from a speech by Mr. Dewar, the Liberal leader, delivered at Newmarket on the 20th September, 1919, when he used these words:

"There is no question that is more important so far as the politics of the Province is concerned than the question of temperance and prohibition, and I may perhaps crave your attention for a few moments to this particular question and to the position and policy of the Liberal Party, particularly because of some unfair remarks and criticisms which have been directed at some of its leaders. To-day, as in 1914, the Liberal Party in this Province is giving the lead to the people of the Province so far as the principle of prohibition is concerned. Look back to 1914 and what do you find? You find at that time the Liberal Party as a party took its political life in its hands and went to the people upon the question of the "Abolition of the Bar". Where did the Conservative Government stand at that time? We all know that there was not a bar-room in the Province of Ontario that was not a Committee-room for the Conservative Party. There