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#### OUR POINT OF VIEW

P. T. McGRATH

THERE are not 1000 Protestant voters in the Colony who do not believe that P. T. McGrath's sectarian attack regarding Commissions for Catholic Volunteers, had any other object but that of consolidating the Catholic vote against Prohibition. His denial will be of no avail. By his appeal to sectarianism in reference to the Volunteer movement and his brazen lying statement that Lieutenant Norris was not selected to go in charge of the last Contingent because he was a Catholic will not be overlooked by the Protestant people.

Why P. T. McGrath endeavoured to stir up sectarian feeling about such matters just as a vote on Prohibition was to be recorded is transparent enough to demonstrate the true reasons. The effect of that attack is plainly visible in the Catholic vote at St. John's, for it is doubtful if 400 Catholic votes were cast in the whole city.

P. T. McGrath had plenty of time prior to October to ventilate any grievances that may exist in reference to any discrimination against Catholic lads who had gone forward to fight for King and Empire, or if he was very sincere he could have waited until the vote was cast and then taken up the matter; but very few have been deceived by his conduct or the object he had in view. Much of the matter he brought forward will be officially disputed by the Committee responsible.

It is said proof exists of a deliberate falsehood uttered by P. T. McGrath in connection with this matter. The subject is to be discussed by the Association at its meeting to-night and the public will shortly learn what the Committee in charge has to say.

Needless to say that P. I. Mc-Grath stands to-day the most despised object of humanity existing in the Colony. All respect or esteem for him has been assassin ated by his vulgar and unscrupulous endeavours from time to time to injure or destroy a good cause or some truly uplifting endeavour. He stands for all that is degrading and low in human nature.

P. T. McGrath has never attempted to aid a cause that stood for the moral uplifting of the peo ple, or of advancing ideals every honest man ought to support. If there is dirty work to be done on behalf of corruption, grab or political demoralizing he is the foremost and most active worker. He has never stood for honest effort or for ideals of integrity; therefore the day has passed when any of his utterances will be respected | sent vote on Prohibition.

by intelligent and honest men. His sectarian appeal on a pre- ties to overcome in connection fic will be sealed. tert such as regimental discrimin- with this Prohibition vote. Many ation in promoting Catholic lads of the districts were uncanvassed is the most barefaced and outrage- Bonavista and Twillingate Disous that he has ever been associ- tricts were mostly left to exercise ated with. His excuse re our their common sense with out much charge that he was the willing tool exhortation or coaxing.

of the government or the liquor and sneaky as his character.

did not want a plebescite vote on Prohibition. Prohibition as he felt convinced all had agreed that open saloons were a great evil, that there should be no hesitation in removing the evil and he advocated that the cure be administered at once.

Mr. Coaker denounced the 40 per cent limit in all its moods and tenses and boldly asserted it had been introduced by the Premier in order to fool the temperance workers and destroy Prohibition. He called upon the temperance men on the Government side to kick against a 40 per cent. limit and he gave it as his opinion that it would destroy the measure. He then supported a majority vote amendment by Mr. Morine, which was lost, and proposed himself an amendment fixing the limit at 33 per cent. of the electorate, which received the united support of the Opposition Party, but was voted

Mr. Coaker said that the Premier was bluffing the House and Country by his 40 per cent. limit No man in the Country has been more surprised than the Premier over the vote and it is only a day or two ago that he boasted over his opinion that there could not possibly be more than 16,000 votes in favour of Prohibition. The fact that at least 24,000 votes will be cast for Prohibition against less than 4000 No's has now opened his eyes to a fact that Coaker real zed last April when the matter was before the House and had the Premier been convinced last April that the vote would be so favour able he would never have consent-

Government side.

ed to a plebescite on Prohibition. The vote cast in St. John's West -the Premier's district-has oper ed his eyes wider than ever before and he can now read his politica' finish if he faces St. John's before he closing of liquor saloons accomplished.

If Prohibition is lost it will be by a very small margin of the 40 per cent. If 33 per cent. had been he limit, which is absolutely suf ficient as a backing of the electornte, the measure would require about 21,000 votes in its favour, i s now apparent that if the 40 per cent. limit is not reached the Premier will have to pass he measure when the House pens or smash his Government to

Will such strong Prohibitionists s Messrs. Goodison, Currie, Le-Teuvre, Parsons and Downey sup port the Government one day onger should the Premier decline o accede to the wish of the people or Prohibition in event of the 40 per cent. limit being lost by a housand votes?

We feel sure these gentlemen will place principle before party xpediency, and if they do, saloons vill be wiped out by the end of

#### **PROHIBITION**

THE smoke of the battle is now L clearing and the result wil e a dry Newfoundland. The afirmative vote will be very near he 40 per cent. limit, if not equal o it, and if not equal to 40 per ent. will prove to the Legislative hat the Country demands the losing of the liquor saloons. The Government will have to pass the neasure at the next session of the Legislature should the vote polled 10t be equal to 40 per cent., for he splendid response in spite of such overwhelming odds prove onclusively that Newfoundland-

rs demand a boozeless country. Those who believed the people yould prove indifferent to the is-Colony if administrations are the on public morals. result of free elections based on ciples as has been foreshadowed that King Alcohol has run his

Bonavista Bay contains three WHY THE 40 PER CENT. interests in an endeavour to turn Church of England clergymen who the Prohibition into a Catholic vs. bitterly opposed Prohibition; no Protestant struggle is as flimsy effort was made to counteract

their influences or arguments. In until Mosdell in The Star drove sure and did not hesitate to influ- the Country. him into line is as barefaced a lie ence his flock against it; but the

that the Outports had spoken long Hiscock will live long enough to ago on the liquor traffic, and he repent of their ill-advised action, considered the Local Option vote for Churchmen will in future relature in closing saloons in this misgivings. We give them no R. Bennett own 76 shares. city without any further reference credit for the stand they took, and his address in the House that as been fully informed of the actions have stumped the whole of Bonavista District and completely counteracted the fight those three The Official Organ of the Morris dergymen were putting up in defence of Rum and Whiskey.

Let it be known all over the Country that those three Church of England Ministers did take off their coats to oppose the closing of Dens of Satan in Newfound-

Let those Church of England elergy who battled on behalf of Rum take notice that they have 10t yet heard the last of the mat-

The result of the vote is a clean smack in the face for those menand let us hope that forever in uture they will know that Church aymen will allow no such conduct on behalf of Church of England lergy with impunity. They will have to give a full account of their actions to the Synod next une, for the laymen have deternined not to overlook such un-Christian conduct.

Another gentleman deserves our ensor in reference to Prohibition -that is the Hon. G. Knowlingvho refused to contribute a cent owards the campaign fund. What ne stood to gain at his advanced ige, with all his money by refusng to support such an uplifting neasure as Prohibition is hard for ommon sense men to comprenend. Be that as it may, the fact emains that Mr. Knowling reused to subscribe towards the und to carry on the campaign, and his refusal was based on the excuse that there were too many lemands for contributions this

Poor man! He surely won't be tble to take the million dollars he s worth with him yonder. Was ne influenced by the fact that a on-in-law operated a brewery?

The Reid Nfld. Co. also refused o contribute to the fund. We presume they get too big a grab rom expressing jars and selling iquor on their trains to be over nxious to carry Prohibition; yet one would believe that the cutting out of liquor would greatly inrease confidence in the operation of their trains and the ending of rouble on passenger cars due to ntoxicated passengers,—which is to common on the trains leaving here at 6 p.m. They won't save he saloons by their refusal to upport Prohibition.

That "black faced" insulter of emperance people - Warwick Smith—the writer of those scrawls which appeared in The Telegram, s an employee of the Reid Nfld.

A report is general that some of Reid's employees who wanted to ote for Prohibition were not pernitted to leave their work to cast heir votes; if this is so the public

ought to know the reason why. Is it come to such a pass that he Reid influence in this Colony stands only for demoralization and grabbing; if so they too must sooner or later be taught that this Colony now stands for a square leal, and won't tolerate any contending to demoralize the

public morals.

We wonder whether Warwick Smith would have written such rash to The Telegram in favour of open liquor saloons if the Reid Vfld. Co. had favoured Prohibition? We notice that amongst the hundreds of employees he was the only cripple that could condescend to roll around in the gutter nanufactured by the Liquor Traffic. Such a specimen of Warwick sue and forecasted a vote of 15. Smith was too harmless to be no-300 affirmatives, will now realize ticed much; but it is worth notehat a great moral uplifting ing that he is the only Reid emhange has come over the country ployee who had the impudence to and a bright future awaits this attempt to teach the public lessons

All who are interested in Prohisound moral and economic prin- bition may now safely rest assured by the rturns of 1913 and the pre- course in this Colony and before the snow of another winter disap-There were tremendous difficul- pear the doom of the Liquor Traf-

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one brewery; while P. T. McGrath, thereby.

40 per cent. limit, in view of the of those clergymen, both would fact that two of them were Shareholders in breweries. And the Chief Adviser of the Premier and Government-P. T. McGrath-althe Bennett Brewing Company.

# Another "Pill"

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,-The Hon. P. T. is well to equally deserve to be called truister. I was a "show" and "idiot" according to the oracle of Prescott Street and I will be pardoned if I conclude after reading the Herald's editorial of Saturday, that notice the British authorities have the Honorable Editor is becoming suppressed the "Globe." What does "dotty." He gives serious evidences the honourable aider and

you prosecuted for any comments of LIMIT WAS IMPOSED Yours on the failure of the Dardanelles Campaign, that is if it has fail-THE list of Shareholders in the ed. He condemned you for publish-I breweries operating in this ing, propagating, defending and en-His assertion that Mr. Coaker addition Father Scully of King's City, as published elsewhere to-couraging the seditions of the Northwas "on the fence" on Prohibition Cove strongly opposed the mea- day, will prove an eye-opener to cliffe press in criticizing this and other campaigns of British arms and Two members of the Executive embarrassing the British Government as he ever uttered. Mr. Coaker result is a splendid triumph for hold no less than 96 \$100 shares in and heartening the Empire's enemies

The Revs. Bayly, Parsons and who attempted to raise sectarian I would be long sorry to see such strife in relation to the vote on a great man as Mr. Asquith in re-tire, prohibition, own 10 shares in the ment, but I could never agree to the Bennett Brewing Company: M. P. retirement of a person so indespenwas sufficient to justify the Legis- gard those men with considerable | Cashin own 20 shares, while John sible to the Empire as the renowned Hon. P. T. McGrath. We might dis-It is not difficult to understand pense with Premier Asquith but with to the electorate. He claimed in had Mr. Coaker and Mr. Morine why the Government demanded a P. T. never. Why, the whole business would go to smash and his friend, Mr. Asquith, would likely intervene to

> Your modesty does you credit, P. T. 'Meself and Asquith" will often presumably be a phase of yours in so held \$1000 worth of shares in future. Might I emulate your bashfulness, P. T., in saying that it seems to be not unlikely, judging from the Herald recently, that the Censor has not been absolutely deaf to my pleading and that you have heard from To me it seems so, though I

Don't be afraid, P. T., you will never suffer for principle or lay on a plank bed like some of your editorial brethren did for a principle. You havent the sand in you, P.T.

I am. Mr. Editor. Yours etc.,

"ANGELSEA." P.S.—Since writing the the Northcliffes think of this? Now P. T., "Anglesea" did not wish

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