

A PLEDGED LEAGUE OF

100,000 VOTERS**FOR GOD AND HOME AND CANADA.****A Movement by which the Temperance People of Our Land may deal
a Death-Blow to the Ruinous Liquor Traffic.****WHAT IT MEANS.***Temperance with teeth, not mere sentimentality, but death to the drink traffic—it means that.**An army of actual voters, not merely for parade or drill, but for the supreme test of a soldier, for a fight—it means that.**Clean, wholesome political organization, the enrolling of thousands of young electors whose first vote will be for principle, not party—it means that.**A union of loyal and determined workers that will do what they desire to have done—it means that.***To Every Temperance Man in Canada:**

DEAR FRIEND:—You are respectfully and earnestly requested to unite with many thousands of your fellow citizens in a campaign to secure the enrolment of 100,000 voters, pledged to consecrate the mighty power of their franchise to the welfare of humanity, and the total overthrow of our beloved country's greatest curse.

Under the sanction and protection of law the liquor-traffic now wages its relentless warfare against all that is pure and good, filling thousands of hearts and homes with unutterable sorrow and shame. It debauches young manhood, crushes sorrowing womanhood, and pitilessly robs childhood of all innocence, joy and hope. Everywhere it spreads its seductive snares, luring our bright and promising boys to vice, and hurrying them on to degradation and destruction. It fosters all physical, moral and political uncleanness and crime. It is the potent ally of all that drags men down to wickedness, woe, and despair, and the worst hindrance in the way of every effort to help humanity upwards to goodness, happiness and success.

Thank God that the Christian sentiment of Canada was strong enough to record a substantial majority of our voting electorate in favor of putting this foul evil under the ban of law. We are deeply disappointed at the refusal of the Government to recognize the enormity of the drink traffic, and to obey the mandate which they invited. There can be no justification of the failure to respect the people's votes, and the forcing of this cruel curse upon a protesting nation. The traffic is still legalized and upheld, although its advocates were beaten at the polls, and the right-favoring majority is compelled to submit to tyrannical and iniquitous minority rule.

After careful deliberation, we have decided that it is our duty to invite the voters thus unjustly treated, to unite in an organized political protest against the inaction and indifference of the Government and Parliament. This is not done in retaliation, but because we cannot consent to the continuance of the liquor traffic, with its fearful and inevitable consequences, nor to the course of our legislators in sustaining that traffic in spite of the prayers and votes of the people.

Total National Prohibition is our aim. Short of this we cannot stop. One Province has declared its strong opposition. This is no reason why the rest of the Dominion should be even temporarily debarred from the deliverance which the people have so overwhelmingly demanded. The majority for prohibition in the other Provinces and Territories is **108,011**. Let them have their rights NOW. The battle must go on until the emancipation of Quebec is also secured.

Herewith we submit to you a pledge which explains itself, and which we trust you will cordially approve. We propose to get 100,000 voters to join this promise. It is not binding until 25,000 have signed. We want your personal signature, and we want the valued aid of your effort and influence in your church or society and your community. The pledge is to be signed only by men who are voters, or who expect to be voters before the end of the year 1900.

The voting power of the Christian people of Canada is great enough to overthrow the liquor traffic. It has been ineffective because of our lack of faith in each other. We have refused to sacrifice our party preferences because we were afraid others would not do the same, and that our sacrifices would therefore be ineffective. Political leaders ignore us because they believe that we can be relied upon to vote for party candidates whether such candidates are prohibitionists or not.

Our plan will change all this. It will give us union among ourselves, power in elections, and influence in Parliament. You are not asked to promise to vote against your party, but to promise not to vote for any man who is an enemy to our cause. Your promise becomes binding when enough voters have joined in it to make the movement certain of success.

You are asked to join a league of voters who will make right principle a political force. You are to be one of 100,000 who love humanity and hate the chief cause of human suffering more than you love any political party.

You are to be one of 100,000 men united to deliver Canada from a curse that every year causes thousands of premature deaths, wrecks thousands of homes, blights thousands of lives, plunders our nation of millions of wealth, and loads us with taxation, poverty, sorrow and sin.

Such a movement as this, backed by 100,000 pledged voters, united, determined, enthusiastic, cannot be defeated. It will not be defeated. It will surely make "The Saloon Must Go," the battle cry of a mighty political movement. It will give us a parliament that must and will carry out the demand of the people for the abolition of the liquor traffic.

We, who address to you this appeal, have confidence in the cause we advocate. We have ourselves signed the pledge in which we ask you to join. We appeal to your generosity, your patriotism, your sympathy with the distressed, and your zeal for what is right. Help us in this movement. Work for it enthusiastically, boldly, faithfully, NOW.