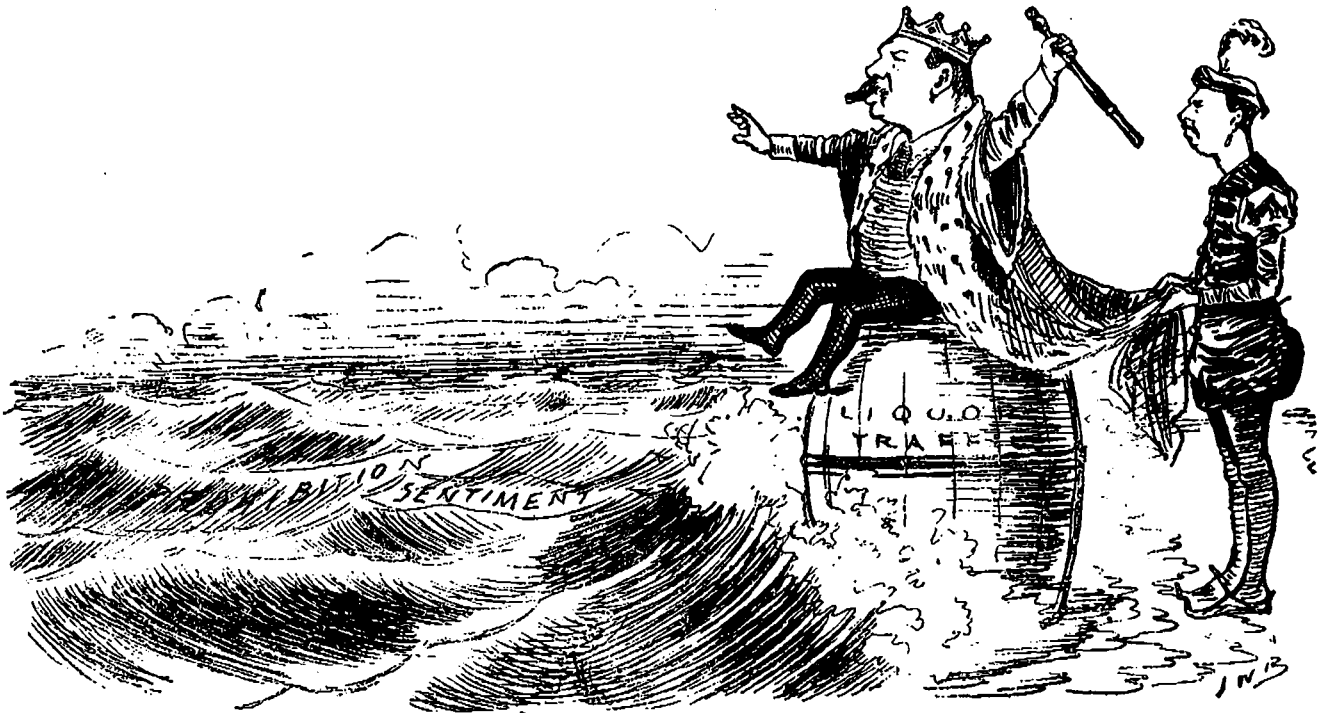


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The Muskoka Election is actually over. There were strong doubts in my mind at first as to whether it would ever be over; but happily the appliances of modern civilization have overcome the difficulties created by modern law and a wild region, and now, if the party papers will only let the matter rest, Muskoka has an M.P.P. and this young country a great load off its mind. Of course, a Liberal being elected the Conservative press swear that the whole proceedings were unlawful and outrageous and cruel and everything else that is incorrect from their point of view; on the other hand, had a Conservative headed the polls there would have been the same sort of a protest from the other camp. And so that really makes no difference at all. But, if I am to believe the *Mail*, there is some little founda-

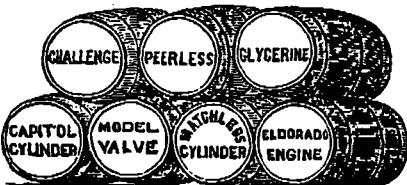
tion for the objection raised by its party. That paper says:—The character of the vote recorded for Dill may be judged by the startling fact that in Baxter where there are practically no voters, Dill secured a majority of 33! This is part of the foundation I speak of; but the real question of course is, Am I to believe the *Mail*? I am perfectly willing to leave the decision on this point with the editor himself, if he will but furnish me one credible Conservative witness prepared to vouch for his truthfulness during election contests.

If there is anything superior to quality it is quantity. City men who have drunk skim milk at a farm house after a day's trout fishing will appreciate this peice of moral philosophy, always provided they patronize an honest dairy at home. But what I started out to add was that when you have quality and quantity combined there is absolutely nothing else to wish for—except more of it. Now, the *Globe's* list of appellations for its political opponents is a striking instance of that desideratum, quality and quantity combined. I have just—well, the necessities of this paragraph compel me to confess it—fin-

ished a careful perusal of two editorials in one and the same issue of that—ah! that—er—journal, yes, powerful journal,—and I have hurriedly counted the following pet names by which my friend, the editor, designates my friends, the Tories:—"Place-holders," "Place-hunters," "speculators," "schemers," "grabbers," "vote-purchasers," "conspiracy-makers," "ministerial nurslings." These are intended only for the rank and file and the lesser officers of the Great Conservative Army. Some day, when I am in a cooler and collected state of mind, I mean to make a note of the tender epithets bestowed on the Big Medicine Men of the Tory Tribe. Something impels me to ask you to reserve space for me on the occasion.

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