expressed its effects would be to com- responsible positions in public life, to pletely revolutionize the action of the come out in a straight forward manner

Clergymen, Methodist or otherwise, opinions on this subject. are not the best judges of the effect of consequences of different forms of manly position, legislation. I will venture to make the statement that there is scarcely a greatest need of this period of our his trained public man in the Dominion tory is moral heroism, and a nation of Canada in either political party who does not in his heart of hearts believe to pieces under a system of cowardly that the enactment of a prohibitory law at this period of our history would be nothing short of a national calamity, and yet, owing to the terrorism of a few bigots not one of these dare to come out and give a frank and manly statement of the question. As a consequence the country stands in danger of having an opin on foisted upon it which represents simply the voice of proving nothing. a noisy and aggressive minority com posed for the most part of men who age among the leaders of thought it ave the most superficial knowledge of either the principles of legislation or the effects of enacting laws.

If we are to have the sober judgment I the Canadian people on this grave ion, let us have a fair discussion of it. Not a debate between rum sellers and temperance men, because, if it is to resolve itself into the interests of temperance on the one side and the interests of rum sellers upon the other of course the overwhelming weight of public opinion will be in favor of temperance. But it is in reality a contest between men of pure motives and patriotic aims who believe that prohibi tion will be a good thing, and men of similiar type who believe with equal conviction that a prohibitory liquor law at this moment would simply be destructive to important local industries, would substitute for a regulated and controlled traffic a promiseuous and unrestrained traffic, and would not only not in the slightest degree diminish the consumption of liquor, but would present it to those addicted to its use under conditions and forms which would make the evil more glaring and more utterly destructive of self

Pendennis believes in mora courage and invites good men, like Dr. Grant,

electorate on the 29th, of September, and manly fashion and express their

Thousands and tens of thousands of such a measure upon our national in- good men and women believe every stitutions. The highest authority in word that Dr. Grant has said, and yet such matters is the opinion of men scarcely one of them has had the manwho are versed in the science of state- liness to publicly utter a syllable to cash and who understand most clearly strengthen his hands or to uphold his

> It is an age of moral cowardice. The without it must sooner or later tumble expediency which is governed and guided soley by the narrow and miserable doctrine of self preservation.

As a matter of fact, it is not likely that the majority of the people of this country will go to the polls and vote on the question at all, and this plebiswill probably end in a miserable farce,

If we had the requisite moral courwould be intelligently discussed, publie interest be evoked, and we should get a just and impartial verdict which would represent the moral judgment of the Canadian people.

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The war, which was to be a simp matter of two or three weeks, has oc cupied 100 days, and cost the United States about as many millions. It was waged in the cause of humanity, it was asserted; but the suffering and loss of life are no light matter.





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