

# Prohibitionists Hold Mass Meeting

## Many Speakers Address Packed Hall --- Significant Resolutions Passed.

Last evening's meeting of friends and supporters of prohibition in the Methodist College Hall was very largely attended, among the audience being some ladies. On the platform were Rev. Dr. Curtis, the chairman; Rev. Drs. Bond and Jones; Revs. Gordon Dickie, D. B. Hemmeon, E. W. Forbes, T. B. Darby, A. B. Stirling and W. Bugden; Staff Capt. Thompson, S.A., and Mr. I. C. Morris, Deputy Mayor. After the meeting had begun with the singing of "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," and the saying of the Lord's Prayer, Dr. Curtis stated that he was pleased to see such a co-operation of people supporting prohibition. The call of duty had met with a splendid response, for this is a moral issue. Five years ago a great meeting had been held in this very hall, favoring prohibition. The outlook seemed very forlorn and hopeless. But resolutions were passed and he had no question that they had a very decided influence in shaping the legislation of prohibition. There had not been much need, since then, till now, to meet again. But danger threatens and in answer, the people who fought for prohibition, say with one voice, "what we have we'll hold." We don't want to have to fight the battle over again. But if it is necessary there can be no doubting the result. The people will stand where they stood before, as opponents of the liquor traffic. But there is another feature, the ladies. If we have to go to the polls again we will see that they are given the right to vote and then who can doubt the result? (Great applause.) Rev. Dr. Jones, speaking next, in moving the first resolution, wanted to know what is the matter with prohibition? The trouble is that it prohibits, and that is where the shoe pinches. The people who are against prohibition now are the ones who always were and always will be against it. Henceforth and evermore. In America there were some dry states, and the cry of anti-prohibitionists was "prohibition doesn't prohibit." But did the great American people therefore modify legislation? No, they extended it and made America, the whole continent, bone dry. That is what is wanted here. Prohibition doesn't go far enough that is the trouble. Those in whose hands rests the carrying out of prohibition legislation, are not in sympathy with the principle. Tidewaiters have been known to turn their backs while smugglers walked ashore with alcoholic drink. Even some policemen have been known to be called off their route and share a bottle with its owner. The law is not enforced and no serious attempt is made. Because the law is broken it should be modified, say the anti's. But the second commandment is broken and shall we therefore ask God to modify it? No. Rigid enforcement of the law must be our answer to those who are now organizing opposition. Before modification can come 25,000 decent-minded men will want to know why. (Great applause.) Rev. Gordon Dickie, seconding, said that the suggestion to modify the Act reminded him of the story of the Arab and the camel. The Arab was sleeping in his tent one night, the camel being outside. Presently the latter, putting his head in through the flap, said, "master, it is very cold out here. Let me keep my

head inside!" Permission was given and in a short while the camel put his fore feet inside. The man said nothing and within another short period the camel came right in the tent, and there was not enough room for both and the man had to go out. Now, if this thing begins with prohibition, our opponents will soon be in possession and we will be outside. Prohibitionists do not object to the law being amended in such a way as to make it prohibit more, but they emphatically protest against any modification whatsoever. Here the motion was put and carried unanimously amidst great applause. Rev. Dr. Bond, in moving the second resolution, considered the question clear-cut and definite. There is no question of Prohibition. That was settled in 1915. Let it remain settled (applause) Who are the ones who protest? They are the ones who always protested against Prohibition and always will. They reminded him of the story of the drunken man who, going up a street, stopped a passerby and asked, "Is this the other side of the street?" "Why, no," replied the man. "The other side is over there!" "But I was over there," replied the other, with drunken gravity, "and they told me 'twas over here!" The anti's are over there and we are on this side, where we'll stay. This is the side of purity, cleanness, good family-life, better economics, clean Government, and the side of Almighty God. (Here the speaker read out the invitation issued by these manipulating the opposition to attend the meeting held last night. At the words "to secure a new, country-wide plebiscite," there was evident surprise and astonishment on the faces of those present.) They say that Prohibition doesn't prohibit. When a man will buy shoe paste, spread it on his bread and eat it, it is evident that Prohibition does prohibit! (applause.) In America, some years ago, Charles E. Hughes, the eminent jurist, was approached by anti-Prohibitionists and a cheque for \$150,000 laid on his desk offered him if he would take up their cause. He refused. They next went to William H. Taft and placed a signed cheque before him and told him to fill in the amount himself. He replied, "Gentlemen, if you piled this continent high with gold, I would not!" Although nobody in Newfoundland had been given the chance to refuse such an amount, he had no doubt that there are some who would if they were offered any amount. The dope question is very simple. Certain foreigners are using the country's hospitality to ruin its young men. Some one says "put them out." I say, put them "in!" Rev. D. B. Hemmeon briefly seconded the resolution which, being put was passed without a dissenting voice. Moving the third resolution, Rev. A. Stirling referred to the Controller's Department. The old Control Board had never had access to the records of that department. In fact, there had been nothing for the Board to control. The Prohibition law has never been given a chance, yet we hear people suggesting that it be modified! We are not going back, said the speaker, we are going ahead! (applause.) Rev. Mr. Forbes seconded, and the resolution was unanimously passed. Staff-Captain Thompson, S.A., speaking briefly, said that the Salvation Army

was in favor of total prohibition. Rev. Mr. Bugden seconded the Vigilance Committee resolution, which was passed. The following Vigilance Committee of 25 was then appointed:—I. C. Morris, N. Burt, Rev. Dr. Jones, Rev. A. B. Stirling, Rev. Dr. Curtis, Rev. Dr. Bond, Staff-Capt. Thompson, Rev. G. Dickie, Rev. Mr. Bugden, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon, Wm. Stirling, Dr. J. A. Robinson, Alex. Robertson, Rev. W. Forbes, Jno. Clouston, H. Mitchell, W. White, W. Peters, W. H. Jones, H. J. Bursell, Jas. Billard, Elder Barrett, J. R. Smallwood and A. W. Martin. The meeting closed with the Doxology and Benediction, by Rev. Dr. Bond. Following are the resolutions passed:

- The Resolutions.**
- WHEREAS, it is widely rumored that at the next session of the Legislature an attempt will be made to modify the Prohibition Act with a view of providing larger opportunities for indulgence in the use of spirituous liquors as beverages;
- AND WHEREAS, despite the respectable conduct of certain persons in the city and the country, the Prohibition Act has immensely reduced the importation of liquors, the number of inebriates and criminals in our Law Courts and Penitentiary, and the consequent deprivation and suffering in the homes of the people.
- BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,
1. That this meeting of citizens of St. John's firmly and emphatically protest against any modification of the Act that would infringe upon the principle of Prohibition as endorsed by the electorate of Newfoundland at the polls on November 4th, 1915;
  2. That this meeting call upon the Department of Justice to rigidly enforce the Prohibition Act against medical doctors, local manufacturers, vendors of dopes, smugglers, and all others who for greed of gain are prepared to lend themselves to the dishonourable business of violating it;
  3. That this meeting urge upon the Government the importance of exercising careful supervision over the Controller of Liquors Department, especially by granting to the Inspector General of Police access to the records and by making only such appointments to the staff as will ensure public confidence in the conduct of that important and responsible office;
  4. That a Vigilance Committee be forthwith appointed, whose duties it shall be to take cognizance of any violations of the Prohibition Act and assist the Department of Justice in its rigid enforcement.
  5. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Prime Minister and to the city press.

### Husband Found After Twenty Years.

Twenty-one years ago Israel Galipeau left Hull to seek his fortune in the wilds of Michigan. A few months after he left, his wife learned that he had been dangerously injured and had subsequently died. During the last two decades she had been mourning his loss and was supporting herself by conducting a boarding-house in Hull. But Galipeau, who had lost his memory for many years, is not dead, and has been reunited with his wife. It appears that he had received a blow on the head that blotted out his past and it was not until he was confronted with old incidents that his memory returned. Mr. Galipeau found her husband in a most remarkable manner. Last July she was struck by an automobile, owned by Charles Bellemore of Hull, and she started an action for damages against the auto-ist. It appears that the surstained severe internal and external injuries, and asked for \$2,160. As there had been no legal proof of Galipeau's death the action was contested on that ground. Mr. J. A. Parent, K.C., who appeared for Mrs. Galipeau decided to make a search of records in Michigan in the hope of getting proof of the death. Galipeau, it appears, settled near Gladstone, Mich., and the assistance of the Sheriff at that place was sought. Old, musty records failed to bring out the information desired, and then a combing of the lumber industries in the State commenced. The result was that Galipeau was found, and eventually came to Hull and was identified by the interested parties. He was apprised of the fact that his wife's action for damages was held up because his permission had not been given. Galipeau gave consent to the suit, and returned to Gladstone to settle up some business. It is understood that he will move his wife to Michigan after the action has been heard.

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