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# THE PLEBISCITE IS NOW THE TOPIC

Everybody in Canada Is Interested in the Vote to Be Taken on Thursday.

## WHAT EMINENT CANADIANS SAY ABOUT IT

Sir Henri Joly Is Not in Favor of Prohibition, and He Is Able Enough to Know What He Is Talking About—Bishop Sullivan Discourses on the Subject—Canon Cayley Expresses His Opinion—Comments of Some Solid Newspaper Editors—How Will You Vote?

**JOLLYING THE PROHIBITIONISTS.**  
New York Tribune, Sept. 25: Whatever the verdict of the polls, it will be a great experiment in practical socialism, for it will be an application of that "initiative" system so dear to the socialist heart. In voting for prohibition the people will actually establish prohibition. They will merely express their desire for it, and give to the Government of the day a popular mandate for its enactment. In principle, and according to its promise, the Government will be bound at the earliest opportunity to enact and rigidly to enforce such a law as we have described. Practically, however, the Government may do no such thing, and there are many shrewd observers who confidently predict that it will not. It will not be difficult to discover constitutional, or administrative, or other reasons for delay, and for postponing action until after the next general election. In granting this plebiscite the Liberal Government has ingratiated itself with the prohibitionists. If on any plausible pretext it can postpone action and yet keep them convinced of its sincerity, it may secure their support at the next general election, and thus greatly increase its own chances of being retained in power.

## HE IS SCORING PROHIBITION IT IS "UNSCRIPTURAL,"

Sir Henri Joly Says It Involves Compensation. Says Bishop Sullivan, Speaking of the Proposed Prohibitory Legislation.

**Extracts From a Sermon Preached in St. James' Cathedral Sunday Last—"Prohibition Is Impracticable"—A Logical Train of Reasoning.**

The latest notable name to be added to the list of those who have spoken out forcibly and fearlessly against the proposed prohibitory law as an menace to society is that of the Right Rev. Bishop Sullivan, rector of St. James' Cathedral. His Lordship, taking his text from I. Thessalonians, v. 21, "Prove all things; hold that which is good," preached a telling sermon on Sunday morning. Sound, practical common sense, combined with the highest appreciation of man's duty to his brother man, was in every line of it. The following are extracts:

**Conscience Against It.**  
"I desire to state plainly and emphatically in the outset that, total abstinence though I am, I cannot conscientiously endorse the prohibitory policy to be submitted this week to the judgment of public opinion. That I shall be held up to scorn and obloquy for playing truant to a cause deserving, we are told, the sympathy of every good man and loyal citizen, I know, but this cannot move me from the conviction that State legislation in the form of prohibition is not the best or wisest solution of the evil with which it is proposed to deal."

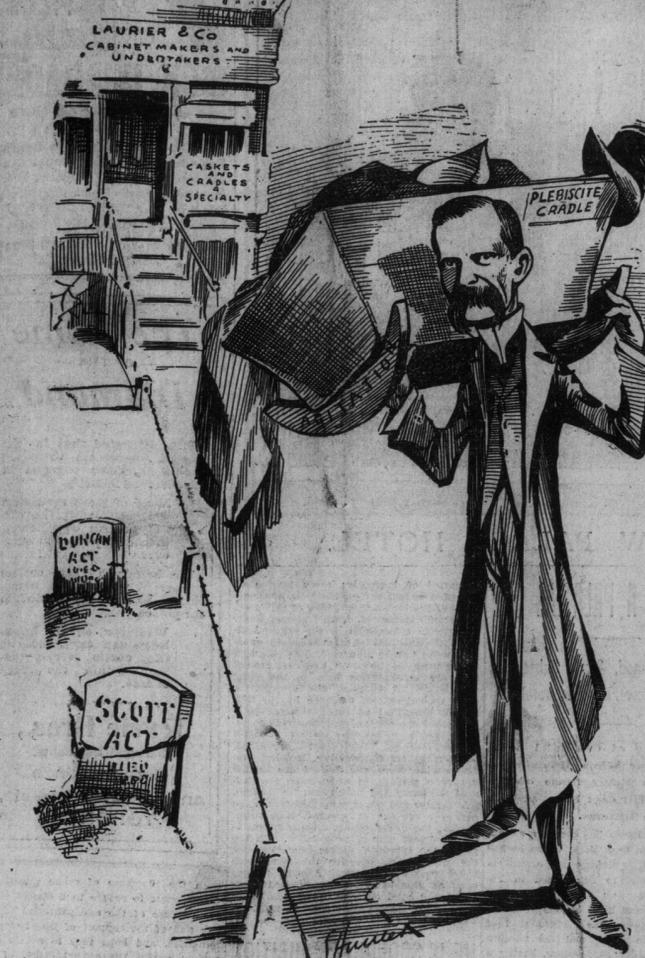
"Of the financial aspects of the question, I hold them to be the last and least convincing. Remove the other difficulties, show it to be in other respects desirable—a measure founded on truth and justice, involving no interference with acknowledged rights of sober, temperate citizens and capable of successful application, and the financial success that it may, this Dominion ought to stand ready and would, I believe, to bear any loss that might accrue to the public treasury. But these are just the conditions that, it seems to me, cannot be satisfied."

**Demoralize and Debauch.**  
"Prohibition is impracticable. If you desire to debauch and demoralize the moral sense of a community, no better method can be discovered than that of imposing restrictions and limitations which cannot in the majority of cases be enforced. Men of wide experience and ripened judgment are unanimous in affirming the utter hopelessness of executing such a law with more than the most infinitesimal success in a country situated as Canada is, with its 4000 miles of boundary line, open at every point to every conceivable evasion, that a depraved ingenuity can devise."

"Such a measure, if passed, may veniate in a most iniquitous injustice. What about vested interests? That the liquor manufacturers have invested of their own accord without consulting the State, which, therefore, is under no responsibility to them, is an empty fallacy. Does the payment of taxes create no responsibility? Does it convey no right of protection? Are we here to recognize that most mischievous maxim: 'The end justifies the means?'"

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## A CRADLE FOR BABY PROHIBITION.



PROHIBITIONIST SPICE: The two other little ones were never strong, and didn't live long, but we try to be more hopeful of our third.

**ROSSLAND'S SPECIAL.**  
The Earl of Ava and Several Toronto People Visit the Camp—Latest Stock Quotations.  
Rossland, B. C., Sept. 25.—(Special).—The number of visitors is increasing, making the camp look as it did in the first boom days. The Earl of Ava is here, and the last batch of Toronto's aristocracy includes Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Cox, Frederick Nichols, Major Pellatt, C. E. Gooderham, W. G. Blackstock, S. L. Wickett, W. H. Deeks.  
White Bear continues to improve and Deer Park looks well. Iron Horse has big shafts being sunk.  
A miner named William Haylor was killed in Le Hol last night by falling ore.  
Stock quotations today were: War Eagle 90, Virginia 74, Iron Mask 27, Monte Cristo 27, Commander 14, Deer Park 20, Iron Horse 20. Sales of the latter were made at that figure today.  
A. R. M.

**MIDDLETON'S LATEST.**  
The Alleged Swindler and Bigamist Was About to Become a Jail Breaker, It Is Said.  
Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 25.—(Special).—The Sentinel-Review prints a despatch from Hamilton to the effect that Middleton, the alleged swindler and bigamist, had a scheme on foot to escape from the second batch of the Oxford County jail, and get away to Buffalo. The report is that he wrote to a friend in Hamilton, confiding his plan, and that the "friend" divulged the plan to the police of the Ambitious City. The Chief of that force communicated the intelligence to the jail authorities in Woodstock, and thus the scheme was frustrated. When Middleton found his game was blocked, he is said to have had an attack of nervous prostration.

**MORE SOLDIERS FOR CANADA.**  
Large Draft of Men Will Leave England Next Month.  
Halifax, Sept. 25.—The military authorities here have received notification that a troop, with a large draft of men for the regiment and companies in this garrison, will leave England early next month. About 300 men will be sent out to strengthen the West Indies to the second battalion, while 150 men will be added to the Royal Canadian in this garrison.  
The men coming to the transport are said to be mostly army reserve men, formerly in the Leinesters.

**The Empire Typewriters are being used by the best people in town.**  
The following program will be rendered by the D'Alessandro Orchestra tonight in the new Coleman Restaurant, (Adlers, Williams), 113 King-street west. Table d'hôte from 6 to 8. Luncheon a la carte all evening.  
From 6 to 8 p.m.:  
U.S. Columbia—March—Bowman  
Heart's Delight—Characteristic—Bryce  
I Volante—Overture—Herman  
Yen-Romana—Kerry Mills  
Happy Days in Dixie—Characteristic—Bendix  
I Love Thee and I Love—Waldteufel  
Lot-Dance—Bendix  
Mamma's Little Pankin—Colored Com.  
Tilly-Pokke—E.B.E.  
Tri-Capitan—March—Souza  
March—Ab. Iure, May Three—Lavallo  
Overture—Bridal Rose—Lavallo  
Romanza—Giesla—G. Desormes  
March—Stars and Stripes—Souza  
Savotte—Elegante—Zimmerman  
Intermezzo—Cavalleria Rusticana  
Souza  
March—At a Georgia Camp Meeting.  
Gaiop-Di Concerti—Mills

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## FEARFUL TORNADO ACROSS THE LAKE

Funnel-Snaped Cloud Left Death and Desolation in its Track.

## THREE PERSONS KILLED AT MERRITON

Roofs of Buildings Carried Away by the Score in That Town and St. Catharines—An Eye-Witness Describes the Scene as Something Thrilling Beyond Description—He Witnessed the Storm at St. Catharines—Old Probs' Remarks About It.

St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 25.—At 3.45 this afternoon a black cloud approached the city from the northwest. It was heralded by a sharp peal of thunder out of a clear blue sky, and in a very short time a terrific tornado began its deadly work. The wind-swept water-spout was seen oozing Welland-avenue, between Lake and George-streets. It traveled in a direct line from this point to the southern limit of the city, passing out at or near the Packard Electric Works. All along the course the destruction is visible up to Church-street. Several minor effects are shown at this point.

The drill shed is practically demolished, the western arch being blown in on the gun sheds, breaking them in, and the roof of the hall is completely gone. From here it passed along up to Church-street, where it had unroofed Crookshanks' large barn, and carrying the roof of the Nelson boarding house over 100 yards away.

Slight damage was done at the First Presbyterian Church, the scuttles being carried away.

C. K. Moore's barn was unroofed, and all the chimneys blown from his house.

At the Collegiate Institute a large chimney was blown down, falling through the roof into a class room, where some of the students were at drill. Luckily all escaped.

St. George's rectory roof was badly smashed, the chimney falling through the roof.

McHugh's cigar factory had part of the roof carried away, and chimneys blown down, and Dittich's office also suffered.

Griffin's restaurant roof was blown off, and part of it carried across the street, and landed in St. Paul-street Church yard.

The St. Paul-street Church had glass blown out in the front and sides.

Packard's Electric Works lost the cornice of the main building. Several windows were blown out, and a wooden warehouse known as the old barrel house was razed to the ground and blown down the hill.

Barcliff's large ice house at Lock 4 was completely demolished.

The King-street end of the St. Catharines House tumbled over, and part of the Hodgins Bros' cornice came down.

Flynn Bros' shed was reduced to kindling wood.

All along the path of the storm, extending from James-street east to Queen-street, the havoc was complete.

Giant trees were uprooted and tossed everywhere, as if they were shrubs.

The sight along King and Academy-streets was a magnificent one. The roadways were practically impassable, and the wonder is that St. Catharines has no death list to report.

**The Wonderful Spectacle.**  
Hundreds of people watched the funnel-shaped monster traveling over the canal and over Merriton, where its funnel end could be seen heaving up force and scattering destruction broadcast. It scooped up water out of the canal as it passed over, and its gyrations made it appear as a thing of life. It could be seen sending down its slender tentacles, as it carried its awful work to the movable things on the ground beneath it. Merriton shows the terrible ordeal it has passed through in a most awful manner. Kindling wood scattered over and beyond the path of the cloud for many hundreds of yards, and demolished houses, torn roofs and upturned sidewalks, testifying to the terrible force of the storm.

**THE KILLED.**  
Clara O'Neill, an employee of the Lincoln Paper Mills.  
Mrs. John Bickley, killed on the sidewalk in front of Mr. James E. Bradley's house.  
Frank Moffat, killed in the lower end school house.

**The Injured.**  
The injured: It is impossible at this early period to give a full list of the injured, but among the most seriously hurt were the following:  
Maud O'Neill, Lincoln Mills.  
Jennie Nestor, Lincoln Mills.  
Rox Bradley, Lincoln Mills.  
James McCarty, Lincoln Mills, thought will die.  
A son of Samuel Smith, hand all broken; all the other members of the family more or less injured.  
Arthur Bradley, hurt in A. R. Thompson's store.  
C. Murray and Ed. Doyle, injured at the M.C.R. car tracks at the Lincoln Mill.  
Bessie Kerr, lower school, legs broken.  
Willie H. Wilson, badly hurt.

**Hardly a Building Left.**  
There is hardly a building left in the path of the cyclone in Merriton. The wind struck the village at the Lincoln Paper Mill and unroofed the building. The next building on the path was the power house of the Acetylene Gas Works at Lock 8, and it was knocked completely out of shape. From there to Disper's store there are few buildings, but the damage from this point can be better tabulated than described.

Acetylene Gas Works' power houses No. 1 and 2, partly destroyed.  
Disper's store, almost demolished; also his house and barn were wrecked.  
Joseph Harr's beautiful new house, badly damaged.  
Houses of A. H. Bradley, William McCumber, A. Lawton, Mrs. Grant, John Livingston, Mrs. S. G. Phelps, all more or less demolished.

A. R. Thompson's store, part of it levelled.  
Houses of Thomas Hastings and Charles Richardson, badly damaged.  
R. Thompson's house, levelled to the ground.  
Houses of Thomas Hastings and James E. Bradley, levelled.  
Orange Hall, levelled.  
School house, roof off.  
Acetylene gas house, end blown in.  
St. James' Church, lower damaged and roof shattered.  
Presbyterian Church, levelled to the ground and a mass of kindling wood.  
Lincoln Paper Mill, roof off and out-houses demolished, an awful wreck.  
Sam Smith's house, top off.  
John Hogan's house, not a stick of timber standing.  
John Bradley's house, levelled to the ground.  
The teacher of the school, Miss Ida Smith, saved the lives of many of the children by getting them put in safety before the worst of the storm reached there. The children were bid to fly for their lives and most of them got out in time.

**The Scene Indescribable.**  
The scene of desolation at this point was indescribable. Children lay under piles of debris, and many of them were badly hurt, but as they ran home as quickly as possible their names could not be learned.

One of the little ones lay with her leg broken beside Frank Moffat, the only child killed outright. There were some many people at hand aiding in the rescuing of the injured. Conveyances were procured, and many injured ones were taken to the hospital. There were 40 children in the school at the time, and it is miraculous that the casualties were not greater.

Mrs. Bickley was running to her home

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**Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Open all night, with excellent sleeping accommodations. Bath and bed \$1.00. 204 King Street West.**

**Fires in Swan River. St. Catharines.**  
Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 25.—Fires have been raging in the Swan River country. At Port William the wheat in store was 197,800 bushels, receipts 230,000, shipments 97,000 for the week ending Sept. 24.

**Just About the Same.**  
Meteorological Office, Toronto, Sept. 25. (11 p.m.)—A moderate depression, which has passed eastward across the lakes during the day, has caused local thunder-showers in Ontario. It is now moving over Eastern Quebec and causing showers westward there. Higher pressure is now developing over the lakes. In the Northwest the pressure is generally low, accompanied by warm weather.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44—58; Kamloops, 50—74; Battleford, 38—75; Qu'Appelle, 44—78; Winnipeg, 58—74; Port Arthur, 46—70; Parry Sound, 50—60; Toronto, 52—70; Ottawa, 44—70; Montreal, 52—68; Quebec, 48—60; Halifax, 48—64.

**Probabilities.**  
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Winds mostly westerly; sea stationary or a little higher temperature.  
Ottawa Valley—Westerly winds; sea and cool.  
Lake Superior—Moderate, variable winds; sea stationary or a little higher temperature.  
Montaha—Southeast to southwest winds; fair and warm.

One of the most useful garments a man can use in the rainy season is a waterproof coat. Oak Hall Clothiers, on King-street east, have a splendid line at \$7.50, made of English Paramatta, with a deep detachable cape. Other coats range from one-dollar up to ten dollars.

**Steamship Movements.**  
Sept. 25. At: From: Sardinian.....Albion.....Liverpool Alaska.....Glasgow.....St. John, N.B. Pomeranian.....Glasgow.....Montreal Kildona.....Leith.....Montreal Plateau.....Bristol Roads.....St. John, N.B. Werra.....Gibraltar.....New York Le Navarre.....Havre.....New York Siberian.....St. John's.....Liverpool Westernland.....Antwerp.....New York Ancharin.....Montville.....New York Sept. 26. At: From: Manilina.....Manchester.....St. John's Plateau.....Swansea.....St. John's Vera.....Swansea.....Tilt Cove