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Ringing Address by Hon. George W. Ross, Minister of Education.

(Special Correspondence of the Advertiser,)

Toronto, Oct. 4.—The Union Prohibition Convention that has just closed its sessions at Toronto differed from not a few others that have been held under the name of a temperance convention in being a distinctively representative gathering. It has been in some cases that anyone who was prepared to pay a dollar and signed his name on a roll book on entering the hall became a duly accredited delegate to some of these gatherings. Not so with the last convention. The nearly thousand men and women who had seats on the floor of the house represented more than themselves. Our churches, Young Men's Christian Associations, Societies of Christian Endeavor, Epworth Leagues, Young Peoples' Societies, under many names, branches of the W. C. T. U., Sons of Temperance, Good Templars, Royal Templars, temperance leagues and other temperance societies from all over the Province, have sent their most carnest and consecrated workers to attend this convention. The leading members of all denominations, from the east and west, north and south, were there. So that whatever else may be said of the convention it cannot be charged that it was wanting in wisdom, experience or ability. Additional to those whose names have already been given in his correspondence as prominent at the meetings of the convention there may be added Hon. G. W. Ross, Joseph Tatt, M.P.P., G. F. Marter, M.P.P., Hon. S. H. Blake, Rev. Dr. Carman and John McDougall (of Montreal), who were present less or more at various sessions of the first or second day.

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Mr. John McDongall, of Montreal, editor and proprietor of the Witness, addressed the convention on Wednesday morning, saying it was an inspiration to stand before the immense gathering of temperance forces assembled before him. temporance forces assembled before him. Some people were anxious for a prohibitory law, others thought that a prohibitory government would be a greater blessing. He believed what was wanted more than either a prohibitory law or government was a prohibitory people—a people so impressed with the necessity of prohibition that both law and government in harmony with these views would follow as a matter of course.

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Mr. J. H. Carson; secretary of the Quebec Provincial Alliance, intimated that Quebec was moving for a plebiscite, and he expected the time would not be long before his Province would have the privilege extended to them of expressing their opinion on the one issue of prohibition. w. P. Cahill, an officer of the Catholic

the Englishman's bread became free, while that House of Commons passed out of speech that was most warmly applauded. He spoke as a Catholic, as representative of a total abstinence and prohibition society of that church. There could be not denominational lines in this work. Whethere one signed his name with a cross or took his inspiration from the King James Bible, all stood as one man before the common enemy.

RINGING ADDRESS BY HON. G. W. ROSS.

A hearty round of applause greeted Hon. Geo. W. Ross as he came to the front of the platform. "They have the swing of conquest in them," the Minister said, was the comment of U. S. Grant upon the British troops he saw at Gibraltur, and never had he seen a convention which had more of the "swing of conquest" in it than the one just closing. Its success and power gave him the more pleasure in that he had been a temperance worker ever since 1857. (Applause.) He would take an historical glance over the movement of which the present agitation is the point of culmination. He and Scuntar Vidal had been co-workers in the Parliament in 1864, when the Duncan Act was passed. It gave municipalties local option, and was regarded by temperance mon a pretty respectable gain. In 1878 another step on was made and the Scott Act was brought in, extending local option to whole counties. And now in 1893

In 1878 another step on was made and the Scott Act was brought in, extending local option to whole counties. And now in 1893 the whole Province is to have an opportunity of declaring what is the real state of public opinion on the subject, These three legislative steps indicate the THEMENPOUS STRIDES THE CAUSE HAS MADE since 1864. "Is it not sublime," the Minister exclaimed, "to ace 2,000,000 of people through their properly qualified representatives accord to the voters the privilege of going down to the polis and saying with the free conscientiousness of British electors if they approve or disapprove with the free conscientiousness of British electors if they approve or disapprove of the principle of prohibition? I have a proof of the elastic nature of our constitution."

The present moment, Hon. Mr. Ross continued, is not the time for argument as to whether or not the plebiscite is the proper thing to have. There are now two forms of investigation on foot. The Dominion Government has appointed a commission to go up and down the country and the United States and gather evidence of all descriptions as to the liquor problem and the means of meeting it. He was glad to get all the facts possible bearing on the situation, and was

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has been appointed—a committee of 500,000 electors, each of whom will go to the polls and give evidence as to his or her views and feelings upon the problem and the way to solve it. The announcement is made that the Dominion commission will report such. So will the Ontario one. Between the two a great deal of light will be thrown upon the question. Why then quarrel with the procedure if the results are so near at hand? The Legislature has been importuned for this plebiscite, Mr. Ross went on. There were 450 petitions sent to it; 300 churches and 140 municipalities sent in requests for it, and the Ontario Alliance found the mass of the temperance workers emphatic in desiring it. As the matter is settled it would be useless to trouble about the mode, so long as the results prove satisfactory. As for the charge that the Legislature has evaded the responsibility of the measure, has transferred the verdict from itself to the people, it was not then worth while to discuss it. Next summer there will be a general election, and than an opinion can be expressed upon the charge. But at the present moment as temperance men let all keep ONE ISSUE about washing powders. If you feel like it, it's because you haven't got the right kind. Get Pearline, and see the differ-

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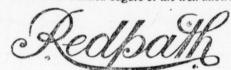
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