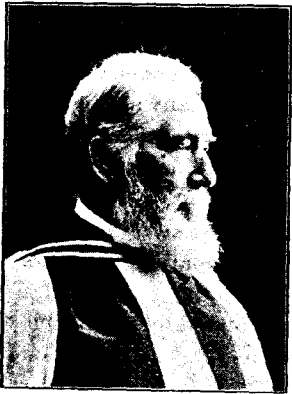


CANADIAN BISHOPS

ON THE PROHIBITION QUESTION.



BISHOP BOND.

The Right Rev. William B. Bond, LL.D., Bishop of the Montreal Diocese of the Church of England in Canada presided at the annual session of the Diocesan Synod in January 1898.

During the session the question of Prohibition was discussed. The Very Rev. Dean Carmichael declared himself to be a strong prohibitionist. He said "Prohibition is the inevitable progression of the thought of those who have given serious attention to the study of the tremendous evil of drink. . . . There are other evils to contend with, and some breasts may harbor and conceal griefs too strong to be resisted, but though there are many sorrows and trials to be encountered, the misery and sorrow and desolation and shame associated with the liquor traffic transcends them all."

His Lordship the presiding Bishop said "I heartily agree with the Dean in all he has said, and I will add that I am an out and out prohibitionist."

THE RIGHT REV. MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., Bishop of Huron, in a speech in his Synod in 1898, said:—

"There is no doubt that thousands of young men go down to ruin through the liquor curse. We don't wish to curtail your liberty, but is it right to stand by and see our young men supplied with this means of self-destruction? I do not say that I can tell what should be done, but I will do anything to-day, or any other day, to advance temperance. When I see many manacled and tied down by this accursed passion for strong drink, I say we should do something to remedy the evil. I do not say that a man should not take a glass of liquor, if it is necessary, but I will say, if the Lord spares me, I am going to cast a vote for Prohibition on election day."



BISHOP BALDWIN.

NOTED PHILANTHROPISTS

ON THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

"Impossible to relieve poverty until we get rid of the curse of drink."—Lord Shaftesbury.

"The struggle of the school, the library, and the Church, united against the beer-house and the gin-palace, is but one development of the war between heaven and hell."—Sir Charles Buxton.

"For thirty-five years I have been priest and bishop in London, and I now approach my 80th year and have learned some lessons, and the first is this: the chief bar to the working of the Holy Spirit of God in the souls of men and women is intoxicating drink. I know of no antagonist to that good Spirit more direct, more subtle, more stealthy, more ubiquitous than intoxicating drink."—Cardinal Manning.



LORD SHAFTESBURY.

"Among the evil institutions that threaten the integrity and safety of a State, the liquor traffic stands preeminent. * * * "If for ten years England could get rid of drink, she would in that time become such a paradise as men would hardly recognize."—John Bright.

"The rumseller is the root of [the evil, and until it is made a crime to sell intoxicating beverages, intemperance will continue to exist."—Wendell Phillips.

"The crisis is upon us, face to face with us it stands—With solemn lips of questioning, like the Sphinx on Egypt's sands.

"To-day we fashion destiny, the web of life we spin—To-day for all hereafter, choose we holiness, or sin, Even now from misty Gerizim, or Ebal's cloudy crown, Call we the dews of blessing, or the bolts of cursing down."



JOHN BRIGHT.

—James Russel Lowell.

The Prohibition Plebiscite

VOTING SEPTEMBER 29th, 1898.

Mark your Ballot for Prohibition as Below:

Are you in favor of the passing of an Act prohibiting the importation, manufacture or sale of spirits, wine, ale, beer, cider and all other alcoholic liquors for use as beverages?

YES.

NO.

X

IMPORTANT ITEMS.

Read all of this column carefully, repeatedly, publicly, in any committee or organization to which you belong.

Be careful to see that your finances are looked after in good time, so that you may be free and able to do all the work that is now pressing.

The voters' lists to be used in the Plebiscite are the Provincial voters' lists. The law that governs the election is the Dominion Election Law. If you have any difficulties about these matters apply to the Secretary of your Provincial organization.

Flood your neighborhood with literature. For English and German leaflets write to F. S. Spence, Toronto. For French leaflets write to J. H. Carson, Montreal. Order quickly. The time is very short.

The demand for Plebiscite Campaign Leaflets is so great that it may be needful sometimes to substitute very good leaflets in stock for the special numbers ordered, to avoid delay. Purchasers will oblige in such cases, by kindly accepting what is sent, to save time.

The Campaign Pointers are a splendid series. You are requested to order them at once. You may select numbers. The kind you order will be sent if possible. At any rate a good share of them will go, and the balance of your order in others. All are good.

Four special CAMPAIGN CARTOONS for posting on walls and in windows are prepared by Mr. J. W. Bengough. They are very good and ought to be used freely. Send to F. S. Spence, Toronto, for a supply at once so as not to be disappointed. Put them every where. Price, postage pre-paid, per set, 5 cents; per 100 cartoons, 50 cents. Where a number are ordered, equal quantities of each will be sent. Do not miss this effective method of campaigning.

"The Feature of the Month" is a splendid Plebiscite Circular that ought to be hung in every store and public place. Send John Dougall & Son, Montreal, three 3-cent postage stamps and get fifteen copies by return mail.

Kindly send money for literature with orders. This is important. Samples will be sent free if desired.

Hold many public meetings. Tell the people how to mark their ballots. Take time to work. The cause is worthy of some sacrifice.

THE MOST IMPORTANT part of organization is the appointment of a captain or chairman for every polling subdivision, who will see that every vote is polled. He should have all the help possible, but there ought to be one man responsible in every subdivision.

The most important duty is the getting out of our vote.

Prohibition does not involve direct taxation. On February 8th last, in the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa, Sir Wilfred Laurier said to a deputation of prohibitionists, that direct taxation is NOT a necessary consequence of prohibition, though more taxation must be secured in some other way, if the liquor revenue is discontinued.

Total prohibition is something far more comprehensive, far more effective, and far more easily enforced than the Scott Act, the Maine Law, or any partial measure that has yet been tried. Many opponents of the Scott Act have declared that they would support total prohibition of manufacture, importation and sale, which prohibition they believe is the only kind that can be made really effective.

It is not true that the liquor traffic in Canada is strong enough to defy law, resist government, thwart the will of the people, and make prohibition a total failure. They cannot do it.

It is not true that a victory in the Plebiscite will not help the prohibition cause. Sir Wilfred Laurier is promising prohibition if the people voted for it, was not trying to deceive the public. He may be relied upon to keep his word. The friends of the traffic who represent the Premier and other members of Parliament, Conservatives and Reformers as dishonest tricksters, are simply slandering these gentlemen for their own selfish ends.

It is not true that the prohibition mentioned in the Plebiscite would interfere with the manufacture of sweet cider, cider vinegar, or cider preserved without fermentation. This was very clear in the debate on the

Plebiscite Bill in the House of Commons. In explaining the word "Cider" as used in the Bill, the Minister of Agriculture said:—

"The word 'Cider' means apple-juice which having been treated in manufacture, has become an intoxicating drink, and does not mean apple-juice simply in its raw state."

Our only danger lies in the indifference of those who ought to be in earnest. The people are right. We have the votes. For the sake of all we love and cherish, let us see that every vote is polled.

For any further needed information apply to your Provincial Secretary. The list is as follows: Nova Scotia, W. S. Sanders, Halifax; New Brunswick, Rev. George W. Fisher, Fairville; Prince Edward Island, J. E. Matthews, Charlottetown; Quebec, J. H. Carson, Montreal; Ontario, F. S. Spence, Toronto; Manitoba, Rev. J. M. A. Spence, Winnipeg; North-West Territories, W. J. Brotherton, Regina; British Columbia, P. C. L. Harris, Vancouver.

HOW THE INNOCENT SUFFER.

The most tragic pages of human history will not be written until the agonies inflicted upon the mothers, wives, sisters, and children of drunkards have been portrayed. The sufferings of these victims of a fiendish traffic are too horrible to be fully described. The drink shop curse rests with crushing force upon women. The horrors to which the drink shop exposes them are worse than those of slavery. The suffering of the wives and daughters of drinking men are more acute and dreadful than any others experienced in this world.

The drink shop turns men into wild beasts, and then lets them loose upon their families. A living man chained to a putrescent corpse is not more terribly situated than the wife of a drunkard. Unable to escape the close relationship of wifehood, she is constantly exposed to brutalities so revolting and heartrending that her existence is a prolonged tragedy. Children born with an inherited appetite for drink, of refined pure mothers, tell a story of the beastliness of drunken fathers and of marital misery that we shudder to think of and dare not describe. Hell itself cannot be worse than the lives of such wives with such husbands.

Vivisection has aroused a great deal of indignation; but what is the torture of a few animals in the name of science in comparison with the vivisection of the hearts of wives and mothers which goes on daily under the operation of the drink shop.—Selected.

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