

There are no means, however, whereby the Provincial Government can prevent liquor being shipped into, or manufactured in, Saskatchewan, these matters being entirely within the control of the Dominion Parliament.

The breweries now operating in Saskatchewan are not affected by the Provincial Temperance Act, and cannot be, as they are licensed by the Dominion Government.

There can be no doubt that the people of Saskatchewan who have approved with such unanimity the restrictive measures of the Provincial Liberal Government, strongly object to the position that there is no Provincial means of preventing liquor being shipped into the Province.

The Tory party at Ottawa, with characteristic shuffling, has pretended to deal with the question by the passage of the Doherty Act, and our Provincial Tories, as usual, dutifully obeying the will of their Ottawa masters, are now howling for legislation which would make it a crime for any citizen of the Province to possess any liquor except accompanied by a doctor's prescription. The Tory scheme, therefore, is to leave in operation all the breweries and distilleries manufacturing liquor, thus making it possible for citizens of this Province to get all the liquor they want from outside the Province and also for citizens of other provinces to get liquor from Dominion licensed breweries in this Province, but to make it a crime for any person to take advantage of the continued manufacture of liquor licensed by the Tory Government at Ottawa, by purchasing and having it in his possession.

In other words, the Tory scheme involves allowing the Province to become flooded with liquor, and then putting it up to the police in the Province to arrest those who have it in their possession.

No wonder not a single Province in the Dominion has taken advantage of the Doherty Act. Not only is its legality doubtful and the subject of debate between legal experts, but apart from this factor altogether, every province in Canada, and also the organised temperance forces in Canada, recognise that to attempt to administer a law which would depend upon the spy in the homes of the people for its efficiency, would probably set back the cause of temperance instead of advancing it.

Saskatchewan Liberals believe that the Parliament of Canada, which alone has the power, should enact a law clearly prohibiting manufacture of liquor in the Province, and also clearly prohibiting its importation into the Province, except for medicinal, scientific and sacramental purposes.