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## FELLOW-CITIZEN.

Canada spends every year over \$100,000,000 for strong drink.

A great part of this vast sum is paid by people who are in need of food, and fuel, and clothing, and furniture, and all the necessities and luxuries that work produces.

Families in poverty by drink are supported by the charity and the heavy taxation of those who are better off. We all suffer. We have to do without what we would buy if this terrible waste did not keep us so poor.

All this means less work for shops, and factories, and farms and men. If the liquor traffic is abolished, there must come more work, stronger prices, higher wages, greater comfort, better times.

To-day you are kept poor to make the brewer and distiller and saloon-keeper rich. If we stop this waste, you will get a share of the money that is saved.

*Think it out.*

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## OPINIONS OF EMINENT STATESMEN.



### RT. HON. W. E. GLADSTONE

The great plague of drunkenness is a national curse, calamity and scandal \* \* \*

A government should so legislate as to make it easy to do right and difficult to do wrong \* \* \* \*

Gentlemen, you need not give yourselves any trouble about revenue. The question of revenue must never stand in the way of needed reforms. Besides, with a sober population, not wasting their earnings, I shall know where to obtain the revenue.



### RT. HON. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN

If I could destroy to-morrow the desire for strong drink in the people of England, we should see our taxes reduced by millions sterling. We should see our gaols and workhouses empty. We should see more lives saved in twelve months than are consumed in a century of bitter and savage war.



### HON. SIR OLIVER MOWAT

An enormous proportion, probably three-fourths, of the vice that prevails at the present day, of the crime with which we have to contend of the lunacy, the idiocy, the poverty and the misery of every kind, is owing to the foul evil of intemperance \* \* \*

The evils of intemperance are so great—it is the cause of so large an amount of crime, vice and poverty and wretchedness of every kind that prevails—that one must be less than human indeed unless he is prepared to go in favor of anything that would either mitigate this great curse or entirely remove it.



### HON. SIR LEONARD TILLEY

For many years I was Finance Minister of Canada, and I have stated over and over again that the financial question is the weakest objection that could be raised against prohibition. In the great fires of St. John in 1877, \$20,000,000 worth of property was destroyed. The insurance derived from this amounted to \$8,000,000. Suppose I were to suggest to the people of St. John to-day, that if they burned their city again, they would get another \$8,000,000, people would say I was mad. Yet this is exactly the principle the Government of Canada is acting upon in raising a revenue from the liquor traffic.

A crisis and a duty

Have come to us to-day.

The sword of power is tendered us

Our country's curse to slay.

In freedom's cause then use it,

No patriot can do less:

For God and Home and Canada,

Let every vote be "YES."

## BUSINESS MEN.

The Royal Commission report shows that the people of Canada spend over \$10,000,000 every year for drink. In ten years this reaches the vast sum of **FOUR HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS.**

You know that if this waste is stopped a part of that enormous amount will be spent for the goods you handle.

*Prohibition will benefit you!*

*Think it out.*

## THE CIDER QUESTION.

Some opponents of prohibition are making special efforts to persuade apple-growing farmers that their fruit crop will be of less value if prohibition wins in the coming vote. It is argued that an answer "Yes" to the ballot question, must be considered a demand for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of the juice of apples in any form.

The facts of the case in relation to the cider question are two in number: (1) It is not proposed that the manufacture, sale or use of unfermented apple juice shall be interfered with. (2) The manufacture and sale of fermented cider ought to be stopped.

(1) The ballot paper asks the question: "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?" It will be noted that the beverages to be prohibited are all classed as alcoholic. In moving the second reading of the bill in the House of Commons, the Minister of Agriculture said: "The word cider means apple juice, which, having been treated in manufacture, has become an intoxicating drink, and it does not mean apple juice simply in its raw state."

This fact was frequently reaffirmed in the debate upon the bill. It was definitely stated and fully understood that the word cider in the plebiscite question means an intoxicating liquor, and has no relation to apple juice when fresh or preserved so as to remain unfermented. Anyone who states that the prohibition proposed is prohibition of the manufacture, sale or use of fresh apple juice, or any other un-intoxicating drink, is guilty of inexcusable misrepresentation.

(2) Thousands of drunkards have started their downward career, thousands of reformed men have been tempted back to evil ways, by the hard cider inducement. There is no form of intoxicant more mischievous or dangerous than what is known as hard cider, where the use of that intoxicant is common. It ought to be prohibited.

In brief, then, it is proposed to prohibit the dangerous and injurious alcoholic cider, and to leave the harmless so-called "sweet cider" alone altogether. The prohibition to be voted upon in the plebiscite will have no more relation to simple apple juice than it will have to milk.

## VOTING, SEPTEMBER 29TH.