

**FROM THE PEOPLE.**

**PROHIBITION AND LICENSE.**

The Editor of The North-Westerner.  
 Sir—Myself and several friends have been much amused by reading the Rev. J. J. Dyke (Methodist Minister's) letter on the above, in last week's Herald, and as the controversy is now public property, is my opportunity for using the reversed gentleman's name, and also troubling you with this notice, I may add I am personally interested in the decision of our legislators, as to the Prohibition clause.

The Rev. J. Dyke considers the "manufacture" of intoxicating drinks, should be prohibited, and the easy and complacent way he assures me, he has fervent faith, the licensed traffic will ere long be banished to oblivion is certainly a bold statement, and surely shows "the wish is father to the thought."

The statistics for prohibition in Canada, Kentucky, &c., I pass over, being only a few minutes in a territory, but I have very little faith in petition by signature, having heard of twin babies names being inserted by their beloved godmothers, and with the mention of an energetic canvasser, if this district is included in the prohibitive, I for one, am clear out.

I cannot think the reverend writer has had much experience in sudden and extreme radical changes, as he would know they rarely stand the test of time, and no Act of Parliament, any legislative power sees fit to pass, will ever make men and women total abstainers, or strictly good members of society; as the old saying goes, "You may drive a horse to the water, but you cannot make him drink."

Take for instance, "The Salvation Army," a late Winnipeg paper states, "its power and usefulness is gone," and I presume the bubble is about to burst up, simply because the promoters went "the entire animal," and pound all the persons into oblivion, and in a similar manner are these prohibitionists performing, they would lick all creation into their way of thinking, no men, no women, and no boys into oblivion for ever, and their wives and families may look on, and the only generous advice a paternal government could then offer them would be you can take a look seat and cry, "Pity the unfortunate!"

I have every respect for a total abstainer, and think every person has a perfect right to become one or not, but I have a greater respect for "the liberty" of the subject, and consider there should be no coercion in matter, spiritual or temporal.

It would be worth a trial, whether the powers that be, could not arrange for alternate towns or districts, to be "Prohibition for sale and manufacture," or "License and manufacture," and thus take the choice of residence; I don't think the License folks would often visit the Prohibition town, but am not so sure of the Prohibitionists visiting the License town.

I would recommend the reverend writer to obtain particulars of the late movements made in England, for the moral good of the various classes, in the laying out Recreative Parks, Flower Gardens, Picture Galleries, Tea and Coffee Saloons, &c., and then lead the people, and not drive them, as this Prohibition fanaticism would do.

There is an old saying "Forbidden fruit is sweet," and this is the very thing we most want, and to rob a man of his dinner and supper beer, or his glass of whiskey to-day, make him break the laws, and brew it somewhere on his own premises.

In Dr. Chase's recipe book I read:—"Ale, home-brewed; How it is made:—"Take certain quantities of malt, hops, yeast, etc., and he then states: "If one pint of this was taken each meal by men, and half that amount by women, and no spirits, tea or coffee during the day, I hesitate not in saying that I firmly believe it would conduce to health."

Having drunk a similar brew for over thirty years I can endorse the Doctor's statement. If our Legislature would put a heavy fine on all adulterated beer and spirits the people would be the better for it, and cases of drunks would diminish.

The Blue Ribbon men should go in for a Church Temperance or Chapel Temperance Society, whose pledge for their members is, to take stimulants only at meal times. This seems to me a more sensible move for those who get too good of their Daffy's.

In conclusion, if the Ribbonites are trying to run this district, the license men must be up and doing, and have a say on that point. I am,  
 Yours faithfully,  
 W. J. COMPTON.  
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