

NO PUBLIC RESPECT FOR THE DOMINION ALLIANCE

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"The free speaking out in meeting that has since the North Grey election been heard, may be taken to indicate that the Liberal party as a whole is far from being prohibitionist. One western paper, (The Simcoe Reformer) has advocated the calling of a provincial party election, practically in order that the present seeming connection between the leadership and the Dominion Alliance may be cut. Another (The Windsor Record) suggests that the party should stand by the guns that have been given it till the next general election, adding: "It is safe to say the Liberals will be beaten and badly beaten, and will be in a position to throw off forever the millstone of the Dominion Alliance and proceed with the real policies of Liberalism." There is more of the same kind, leading up to a declaration by The Record, that the license system, honestly administered and providing for the separation of the sale of mild stimulants from that of hard intoxicants, is the proper policy for the province. Possibly most Liberals and surely most Conservatives will agree that The Record's views are those that in application will bring best results. The Dominion Alliance, whatever it may have once been, is now without influence, and possesses so little of the general public's respect, that its enmity may almost be considered a benefit to the party it opposes. Mr. Rowell might cut away from it without fear of losing anything."