

as prefiguring the license law of the British Empire, of which we in Canada are citizens. That license law is supported by the princes, the governors, the judges, etc., of the provinces, accompanied therewith, in our case, by a burning fiery furnace of sorrow, heart-ache, poverty and tears. The golden image with us is the love of money, in the accumulations to the public treasury and private purse.

#### PROHIBITION IN THE CHALDEAN EMPIRE.

About forty-two years afterwards, all the presidents, the governors, the princes, the counsellors and the captains of the Chaldean Empire consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree. They came to King Darius and said: "O king, live for ever, by thine authority make this a law of the Chaldeans, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man, for thirty days, save to thee, O king, he shall be cast into a den of lions." Wherefore King Darius