

has before it now a complete declaration of the opinions of those to whom it is responsible and who have constituted it. It is expected to respond promptly to the demand of the electorate. The members of it will shortly appeal to the people for re-election. In that appeal those members who seek re-election will be expected to justify the course taken by them in the legislature. These facts centre most of the present interest round the approaching Legislative Assembly session.

This fact does not diminish any of the responsibility resting upon the other parties named. In localities where temperance sentiment is strong enough to extinguish the local liquor traffic, it is the duty of temperance men to take advantage of their strength and rid themselves immediately of the curse. It is their duty to press municipal councils for further curtailment and restriction of the dangerous traffic. It is their business to use all the influence they can exert to induce license commissioners to exercise their powers in the same direction. There is no inconsistency in doing all they can for themselves while urging the legislature to do still more.

The Dominion Parliament, whose power is supreme and unquestioned, must be urged at once and earnestly to take the complete and effective action, which it alone has authority to take. The fact that other bodies are possessed of limited power does not relieve the supreme body of the duty of putting down the liquor traffic, and the responsibility for the continued existence of all the evils that result from it.

But as has been already said, the present position of the legislature, what it has done, what it may do, and the conflicting views held regarding it, all make it the immediate centre of interest and the immediate object of prohibitionists' action and demand. The question everywhere asked is, "How will that legislature respond?"