

the Bee expressed Sympathy for the Unfortunate Victims. "Victims?" said the Ant, with a puzzled air, "I'm afraid I don't quite catch your meaning." "Then, pray tell me," replied the Bee. "what the terrible Commotion in your Community is about." "Oh," replied the Ant, "they're discussing the question of Imperial Federation, that's all." "The Imperial Federation!" echoed the Bee. "But the Ant Eater. Don't they know what *He's* about?" "Oh, as to the Ant Eater," replied the other in an unconcerned tone, "they don't bother much about him. He's there all the while feeding on 'em, you know, so they're sort of Used to him. In fact, he's one of their Institutions. They found it rather a bore to drive him away, so they Licensed him to stay."

MORAL.—Prohibition is too insignificant an issue for the political parties to notice, though the licensed liquor traffic slays its thousands every year in Canada.