

THE REFERENDUM

Question.—Why is a vote being taken now?

Answer.—The Ontario Temperance Act, as originally passed, contained a provision that on the first Monday in June, 1919, there should be submitted to a vote of the electors the question, "Are you in favor of the repeal of the Ontario Temperance Act." At the last session of the Legislature this was amended, leaving the date for the taking of the vote to be fixed by Order-in-Council.

Q.—Why was this provision put into the law?

A.—The Ontario Temperance Act was passed at that time, to meet a national emergency, many of Ontario's best citizens were overseas fighting for their

country and could not be consulted. The Government wisely enacted the law and provided that, when the soldiers returned and conditions became normal, the people should decide whether the law should be sustained or repealed.

Q.—Is the Government responsible for prohibition?

A.—The Government assumed full responsibility for the initial passing of the Ontario Temperance Act and was supported by the Opposition. Indeed the measure passed without a dissenting voice in the Legislature. The Government is now submitting the Act to the people. This is fair and right. The Legislature did its duty. It is now up to the people to do theirs.

20/1919 THE BALLOT

The Act provides that the ballot shall be in the following form:

	Yes	No
1. Are you in favour of the repeal of The Ontario Temperance Act?	214	792,742
2. Are you in favour of the sale of light beer containing not more than two and fifty-one one-hundredths per cent. alcohol weight measure through Government agencies and amendments to The Ontario Temperance Act to permit such sale?	401, 893	7-11 207
3. Are you in favour of the sale of light beer containing not more than two and fifty-one one-hundredths per cent. alcohol weight measure in standard hotels in local municipalities that by a majority vote favour such sale and amendments to The Ontario Temperance Act to permit such sale?	386 680	755,073
4. Are you in favour of the sale of spirituous and malt liquors through Government agencies and amendments to The Ontario Temperance Act to permit such sale?	450 2,720	629,524