

"Note:—In nine-tenths of the municipalities of the Province there are at present no shop licenses.

**"IN NINE-TENTHS OF THE MUNICIPALITIES, THEREFORE, OUR POLICY MEANS THE COMPLETE ABOLITION OF THE RETAIL SALE OF LIQUOR.**

"The pledge I made in 1911 is now redeemed, and the responsibility rests upon the electors of this Province to say whether the open bar shall continue in our midst or be forever wiped out.

"I now make this further promise and pledge to the electors of the Province:

"If the electors express their approval of this policy by returning us to power, in the next session of the Legislature legislation will be enacted which will give full effect to the policy I have laid before you.

### **IS POLICY OF TEMPERANCE FORCES**

"The policy we propose is that adopted unanimously, irrespective of party affiliations, by the organized temperance and Christian forces of the Province in the year 1902, and pressed upon the successive Governments of the Province from that day to this. In the manifesto of the Dominion Alliance, preceding the general election of 1908, the following statement appears:

"We again affirm that the legislation which the situation demands, which public opinion will warrant, and which the Legislature should pass, is for the abolishment of the barroom and the treating system, and drinking in clubs, and the imposition of such other restrictions upon the liquor traffic as would most effectively curtail its operations and remedy its evils.

"This was repeated in the manifesto of 1911.

"That for which the organized temperance and Christian forces of the Province have worked and prayed for years is now within their reach, and it rests with them to say whether the open bar shall be continued or forever wiped out. We are fighting the organized liquor interests and all the money and resources they can command. Now is the most critical hour in the fight. On which side will your vote and influence be cast? For the liquor interests and the open bar, or for the boy, the home, the Church, the State? I believe the conscience of Ontario is against the open bar. To that conscience I appeal with confidence. Every vote cast in this election is a vote for or against the bar. Which will yours be? We are fighting your fight. We ask every man and every woman to do their utmost from now until June 29; and if you do, the open bar in Ontario will be forever wiped out."

*W. O. Powell*