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EDITORIAL.

There is no doubt about it, this world will soon be too 'hot' to live in—or too dry. State control in the majority of cases may prove a good thing, but State control of a man's common liberty is going a bit too far.

That is what cutting out the drink in any country means. America is now—or will be very shortly—dry. Canada, too, is now practically as bad. I purposely say *bad*, for if they try prohibition in Great Britain I foresee big trouble. Stop the Englishman's beer and he will sit down and do d—— all. You go to a north country "geordie" and say to him, "Geordie, you've got to do without your beer," and see what happens. Having been born among the "geordies" I know. As a workman, the north-country iron worker and miner will stand against the next best, but HE MUST HAVE HIS BEER. That is common legend. The same thing applies to every WORKER in this country, whether he be shipworker on the north-east coast of Scotland, or a "toiler of the deep" on the coast of Cornwall. Beer to these men is the staff of life—bread is only a moderate second.

You might argue—but I don't think you will—that America can do without it, so can we; but I think statistics go to prove that the beer drunk in this country in proportion to the population absolutely puts America in the shade. I am not boasting about it, but am simply dealing with the facts. That is one reason why prohibition will not work here—at least, in my humble opinion, for the *real* manual workers in this country are brought up on beer, and in the majority of cases begin drinking as soon as they are old enough to go and fetch it.

Even Canada's position is different to ours, but whether she will "stick it" or not remains to be seen. After all, if a man wants to have a glass of beer, why shouldn't he? If he can afford it that's his fault. We have been fighting for liberty, and the sooner these "teetotal-meddlesomebodies" realise that we judge our liberty by the amount we get (liberty, not beer), the better. A man cannot help being a teetotalier; if he doesn't want a drink, there's no reason why he should have one, but he must not judge other people's thirsts by his own.

Not only should a man be allowed to



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drink; he should be allowed to drink WHAT he likes, whether it be beer, whiskey, milk, lemonade, or *Government* beer, although I hear that the latter is shortly to be included in the list of poisons.

No, dear reader, if you can beat that good old saying—"Whatcher goin' to 'ave?"—well, you are at liberty to have it printed in gold letters and sleep with it under your pillow. Mine's a Scotch.  
EDITOR.

CHEVRONS.

We sprang a supplement on our readers last week and we are pleased to state that it was well received, especially by men of the 3rd Canadian Division.

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Lieut. Candy has received a letter from Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, in which he states that the Editor's request for a message from him for our Souvenir Number did not reach him. By the tone of Sir Arthur's letter we feel sure that he would have replied had he received our letter, which for some unaccountable reason went astray.

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Photographs of the group of statutory entitled "Canada's Golgotha," by Capt. F. Derwent Wood, A.R.A., which is to find a permanent home in the Canadian War Memorial, Ottawa, may be obtained by giving names in to Pte. McCoskery, R.2.A.2, who will be pleased to show specimen copy. Price 3s. 6d. each. Size 10 in. x 6 in.

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Back numbers of the *Bulletin* can still be obtained, and it is possible that we may be able to get together one or two complete sets for those of our readers who would care to have them.

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Items of interest to the personnel of the Office will be welcomed by the Editor.

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Another one of our old friends has left us for Canada; this is S./Sgt. C. Rouse, better known as "Charlie" Rouse. Charlie was one of the best liked "Casualty men" in the Office, and his genial personality will be missed by all—especially R.2.A. Cent. Section, which was his "Dug-out"