

Government Permitted Breach of O. T. A.

CHARGE BY HARTLEY DEWART, K.C., M.P.P.

At his nomination meeting in Royal Templars Hall, Toronto, on October 8th, 1919, Mr. Hartley Dewart, the Provincial Liberal Leader, preferred charges against the Hearst Government of complicity, through its officials on the License Board, in supplying the Jews of South-west Toronto with intoxicating liquor in direct contravention of the Statute. Summarised, the charges are as follows:

- (1) Attempted bribery of the Jewish vote.
- (2) The ceremony of "Kiddush" is a blessing at the evening meal during the festival and does not require the use of strong liquor.
- (3) Wholesale distribution of orders without any precautions.
- (4) No limit to the order; one man obtained six bottles.
- (5) "Vishnick," or cherry brandy, contains 62 per cent. proof spirits. The words "blended brandy" were barred over on the label to conceal its real character.
- (6) A Jewish caretaker signed 400 orders which were accepted.
- (7) Between 3,000 and 5,000 bottles were sold between Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 6 and 7, at noon.
- (8) Barnet Stone, the "special vendor," is the Conservative organizer among the Jews; he was a profiteer, during the war, in clothing.

Report of Speech

MR. CHAIRMAN AND FELLOW ELECTORS:

This is something over thirty meetings that I have had the pleasure and privilege of addressing in this campaign. I have attended something like twenty conventions. I expect to attend a few more before the 20th of the month, and I want to say that at every convention and every meeting at which I have had the pleasure of being present, I have found the same splendid feeling of enthusiasm and optimism that I find in this meeting to-night.

On the 26th June we formulated in convention in the City of Toronto a serious and progressive and forward platform and program, not merely for the Liberal Party but for the people of