

some considerable resemblance to the vote upon prohibition last January the charge of being false to those who manifested clear and open sympathy with the cause of prohibition will be properly placed at the door of the Christian and temperance community of Ontario. Should the Mowat Government be defeated, or be successful by but a small majority, it can only be through the prohibitionists proving more faithful to party allegiance than to temperance principles.

The prohibitionists of Ontario, in view of these circumstances, should be thoroughly aroused to the peculiar danger of the situation, or prohibition and temperance legislation will be rolled back a generation. No political party or statesman, either provincial or federal, will be likely to place faith in pledges or promises, implied or pronounced, by prohibitionists, if the counting of the ballots on the 26th of June fails to show very large majority in favor of Sir Oliver Mowat. The ordinary ward politician accepts without question, as worthy of credence, the promises of four-fifths of the electors with whom he comes in contact, who, while making no special profession of goodness, are nevertheless found faithful to their pledges when they go to the ballot box. Shall the prohibition party be less careful of their pledges and promises than the everyday elector? In the history of the temperance cause of this country never were the hopes of long years of agitation in so precarious a position. The Christians have it in their power to show their honesty and integrity in the cause by carrying out the unsolicited pledges given on the occasion of the promises made by Sir Oliver Mowat. No political sophistry can relieve the right thinking people of Ontario of their responsibility on this subject. The temperance cause will triumph by the promises of the Premier and his colleagues being fulfilled. They can only fail of fulfillment by the temperance public not assisting his government at the polls. If that failure is effected the responsibility must rest, beyond doubt, upon the Christian prohibitionists of Ontario. This question should be thoroughly understood, so that afterwards it cannot be said that the people voted without a thorough comprehension of the situation. The eyes of the prohibitionists of this continent are turned towards Ontario calmly awaiting the result.