

The Catholic Church and the Liquor Question

Calls Upon Her Children to Organize an Energetic Campaign Against Intemperance and Declares Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors Should be Suppressed

The general public will be pleased to learn, at first hand, of the attitude of the Catholic Church relative to the liquor question, now so much discussed the world over.

The Archbishops and Bishops of the Dominion of Canada met in Plenary Council at Quebec in 1909 under the presidency of the Apostolic Delegate—the Pope's immediate Representative—to enact laws and issue Decrees affecting the people subject to their jurisdiction.

In a Pastoral Letter addressed to the Catholic Body, the Archbishops and Bishops, treating among other subjects, of the liquor habit, under the section entitled "Social Plagues" say:

"Every community that desires Christian morals to flourish within it should apply itself to combat vice in every form, and especially to eradicate certain infectious diseases which gain a foothold in nearly every social body, and too often find their ready fields for dissemination. Nor has our own country escaped this danger. Vice has poured in upon us its invading tide, and, in spite of the vigilance of pastors and the still lively faith of our people, it has forced our frontiers and works its ravages in greater or less degree everywhere. Wherefore, Dearly Beloved Brethren, we cannot close this Letter without raising a cry of warning and calling upon you to watch, to struggle and to pray.

"It were too long to outline here the distressing series of scourges that threaten the integrity of your faith and the purity of your morals; but we should, at least, put you on your guard against blasphemy, perjury and the desecration of the Sunday. These, Dearly Beloved Brethren, are terrible enemies of your salvation, against which you must wage relentless and unsparring warfare. Their gaining the upper hand in any community means the death of all Christian spirit and a return to paganism.

"Among the social evils which have already wrought untold harm in our country, we wish especially to single out that of intemperance. Few are the vices more prolific in destructiveness than it is; none there are that open more surely and more rapidly the way to every baseness, physical, intellectual and moral. Alcohol is a poison whose awful property it is to attack at the same time both soul and body, of which it paralyzes every energy and dries up every life-spring of the gross, insatiable and morbid appetite that it develops in the senses is one of the most degrading and most hopeless passions known to men. Its victims are an object of scandal and horror to society, and at last they go to swell the list of those who fill up hospitals and insane asylums.

"An already long standing and ever-known experience shows us the fate of wealth when made subservient to this all-absorbing passion; it shows us, too, how the wages of the workingman, instead of bringing to the home the daily bread and the modest comforts it requires are often wasted on the way, to fall into the hands of the genial tavern-keeper, who sells for that paltry sum the honor of the husband and father, and the misery and shame of the wife and children.

"An examination of statistics reveals to us an annual expenditure in our country for intoxicating drink of more than one hundred million dollars. Now, the bulk of this sum represents the fund that goes to support vice, while squandering the treasures of physical strength and intellectual and moral vigor with which God has so abundantly endowed our people.

"The Church, therefore, is not giving way to visionary fears in calling upon her children, and in banding them together beneath the standard of the Cross, to organize an energetic campaign against one of the most dangerous enemies of religion and country. In this she stands faithful to her office and to her traditions. The war upon the scourge of intemperance goes back to the very beginnings of our country. When the traffic in strong drink threatened to destroy the newborn civilization on our shores, one man boldly took a stand against the greedy traders, encouraged though they were by the more or less open support of those in power: that man was our illustrious first Bishop, Monseigneur de Laval.

In the exciting struggle that then took place, the conflicting parties of which now appear to us in the full light of history, the nobler part is on the side of the valiant apostle of temperance. He it was who acted the true patriot and the far-seeing champion of the interests, both material and religious, of the infant colony.

"Successors of this great Bishop, we feel it our duty to continue today the crusade of which he was here the fearless intimation. Following his example we would deliver our people from the ever abiding peril of strong drink. We firmly trust that our endeavors will not be in vain. Already very considerable results have been attained and everything inclines us to hope that they will be lasting.

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From Sgt. H. D. Bryenton of the 55th.

Members of St. Andrew's L.O.L. Send Greetings to The Brethren From England

To the Officers and Members St. Andrew's L. O. L. Chelmsford, N. B. I suppose no doubt you will be wondering how the boys are getting along overseas. I was talking to our members in the 55th today about dropping a few lines and they all agree it would be the very thing to do. As you know, there are three of St. Andrew's Boys in the 55th and they are all getting along fine, except for Bro. John McKinley, who has been in hospital with measles for the past few weeks, but is now able to join the boys again and looks as strong as ever. We all have enjoyed our military life so far and especially our trip across the Atlantic on R. M. S. Corsican, which was exceptionally good, the weather being of the best. Nothing happened of importance when we struck the "war zone," only two of the British Bulldog's war met us when we were out two days from Plymouth and we felt safer as it was a pretty good guarantee that we would arrive safe. We enjoyed England very good while we were at Bramshot Camp, every man getting a six day pass to London or wherever he chose to visit. Then at Xmas most of the boys got a four day pass, and the English people very good to Canadians, and quite a few of the boys spent their Xmas with friends out of camp. We moved here on the last day of January and have been quarantined most of the time since for measles. We are all anxious to get across the Channel where the first contingent boys are making a glorious name for the best country under the sun, and I guess we all know where that country is. We feel that we have had enough drilling for the firing line and the only thing we are complaining of is that the N. C. O.'s and officers are not allowed to go across for a while. But they are sending a draft across right away, so it looks as if our Battalion was to be broken up for a while and there is a report that we are to have a draft from Canada to fill their places. Still when you are in the army the unexpected always happens and they may take us away soon. We are handy to Shorecliffe and Dover and it would only take about four hours to put us in the trenches. Sgt. Doyle and myself were just talking about all the fellows of our lodges who were well able to join us and it seems rather strange that there aren't more joining the ranks. I think mostly every Lodge in N. B. is represented in our Battalion.

I must say a word in regard to our third in command, Major Donald, who was County Master for Northumberland. He is one of the best officers we have and always has a good word for everyone, and I don't think there is a man but would go through anything to do a turn for him. Another very good officer whom the men think a lot of, and who is also a member, is Lieutenant Rogers of C. Company.

Well I don't know as I could say

Happenings in The Local Legislature

Fredericton, March 30—In the Legislature today Hon. Mr. Murray said that this year 395 winter brown tail moth webs had been found as compared with 259 last year but if hon. members would recollect they would remember that 28,000 had been found in 1913.

Flour Mills Hon. Mr. Murray said that under the act passed last session provision was made for bonusing new mills which would not interfere with existing industries and it was for this purpose that the grant was being made. The act provided for a bonus the first year of \$500 and balance later, under ample safeguards for the province, the whole bonus for any one mill not to exceed a total of a thousand dollars. Some applications for bonuses had already been made and in one case the portion payable the first year had already been paid.

The House adjourned at 5.30 p. m. Fredericton, March 31—The Corporations Committee considered the Bill to incorporate the N. B. Association of Graduate Nurses. It was recommended that the proposal at which nurses are trained must, if within N. B. have 15 beds continually occupied, and if outside, 25. The section limiting twelve months as the time after coming into operation of the bill, in which graduate nurses might enroll, was enlarged to two years. And the time limit of six months with which nurses now serving at the war might register, was struck out so as to permit them to register at any time. The bill was agreed to with these amendments.

The House met at 2.45 o'clock. Capt. Tiley presented the report of the corporations committee. On notices of motion being called that standing in the name of Mr. Dugal which set forth that in view of the report of Commissioner Chandler on the connection of Mr. A. J. H. Stewart, M. L. A., with certain transactions in Gloucester county "said A. J. H. Stewart was not a fit and proper person to occupy a seat in the House," Mr. Speaker said that inasmuch as the report of Commissioner Chandler had not yet been laid on the table of house, he would have to rule that Mr. Dugal's motion was out of order.

Inspection of School Buildings On the item for factory inspector, Dr. Price of Moncton, said he would like to know if the government was prepared to do anything towards adopting suggestions, he made last year, that the inspector should include in his inspection schools and other public buildings, as well as factories and theatres. That many of these buildings badly need inspection must be apparent to most members of the house, who were doubtless familiar with many instances in various parts of the province. The subject was a very live issue at the present time. There were some buildings, and they would

much more, only the boys all wish to be remembered to the brethren and also that they are going to give a good account of themselves when the time comes, and you can bet we will all see the thing through to the end, which can only end one way, and that is victory for the Allies. If any should be left behind it will be in a glorious cause, and we will still keep the old Union Jack flying, and the British Empire will be more united than before.

Wishing No. 147 a prosperous New Year and best wishes, for all the members, I will close.

Would like to hear from any of the boys as you know any news from home is always welcome. Yours in F. H. & C. Signed on behalf of members of No. 147 L. O. L. in the 55th Battalion.

SGT. H. D. BRYENTON, No. 444437 55th Batt. C. E. F.

not have very far to go to find them, anything but what they ought to be. Even the legislative building itself was far from perfect, but more particularly he felt that public schools should be periodically inspected, and reported on. The public looked to the government to furnish necessary protection in this respect. Boards of health had certain powers, but they were not sufficient or as satisfactory as they should be. If the government felt that inspection over the whole province was too wide a territory, let them be content with inspection of schools and other public buildings in towns and cities first. He would also like to see lectures and instruction given in what was called "First Aid" subjects, as medical men when they were called upon suddenly to attend a case of accident, frequently remarked upon the advantage it had been when some one was present to render first aid. He hoped the government would see its way to include inspection of public schools in factory inspector's duties. Hon. Dr. Landry said some of the matters to which his honorable friend had referred, had been placed in the hands of the attorney general to see what the government's powers were in the matter, and his report was now awaited. Personally, he doubted if the government could interfere with powers of the provincial and local board of health but honorable member might rest quite assured that the matter was receiving the government's attention.

After a vigorous discussion on the fact that the Jordan Sanitarium at River Glade takes no free patients, house adjourned at 6 o'clock until Tuesday afternoon, April 4th.

Fredericton, April 4—House met at 3 o'clock.

The bill to enable St. John soldiers to exercise their civic franchise was agreed to, to come into force immediately.

A section was added to the Rates and Taxes Bill, whereby a person who does business in St. John and lives outside, shall be liable to taxation in the city of St. John, only on such personal property as is used in his business there and he shall be liable at the place where he resides for such other personal property as he has.

Fredericton, April 5—House met at 3 o'clock. Hon. Mr. Murray rose to a question of privilege, and denounced as absolutely false the St. John Telegraph's recent editorial charging that he "by misleading answers to questions in the House and accounts this year and last has neglected entirely to explain to the people of the Province what became of the money which they provided for the purchase of the potatoes." The answers to the enquiries made in the House had been as full and complete in every detail as it was possible for him to make. The accounts relating to sales of potatoes were at the disposal of the Public Accounts Committee for their examination, and these accounts show where every item came from.

The period of qualification for graduate nurses was extended to three years. The Bill to incorporate the Miramichi Hospital was agreed to with amendments.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said that R. B. Hanson had been appointed a Commissioner to assess successive duties on the T. Lynch estate. None had been collected yet. Fredericton, April 6—House met at three o'clock. Hon. Mr. Murray laid on the table the Report of Commissioner W. B. Chandler on the investigation conducted by him.

The House, in committee, took up the Elections Act. Hon. Mr. Baxter said that the pro-

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