

Chief Long, in the writer's opinion, is a good, clean, well intentioned, man. He has a hard problem to face, and requires encouragement and assistance from every good citizen. That, first, should come in a suggestion that the force he controls needs reorganization or better leadership. It is not functioning to advantage to-day. That seems unquestioned and unquestionable.

Chief Long and a reorganized police force will not do all that needs to be done. Such a factor will only show other weaknesses. Much more is required.

One thing necessary is that Mayor Owen, if re-elected, should drop this childish "show-down" business, get solidly behind Mr. Macpherson and, if he has the courage, support Mr. Macpherson to the last ditch.

Mr. Macpherson has been known to the writer many years. In politics there can be no agreement between the writer and Mr. Macpherson. That, however, does not prevent one recognizing Mr. Macpherson as an honest, candid and sincere man, who can be relied on to discharge his duty to the citizens of Vancouver faithfully. Let Mr. Owen show that he has the sense of duty and moral courage to be equally worthy of public confidence!

#### What About Prohibition?

Now that the Moderationists have seen something of what Government control means in police paralysis, bootlegging, hi-jacking, etc., are they prepared to admit they were—the sincere ones—grossly mistaken in the harm to which it led?

It may be that the Reverend Gentlemen, and others, who value their personal liberty and looked upon the restraint of Prohibition as crime-begetting, have discovered that the personal liberty they contended for is not the right liberty at all and is more crime-begetting than the restraint they deplored.

The writer lived for years in prohibition territory under various shades and degrees of enforcement, and knows well the devices and evasions, political schemes and what not that were and are used to render it ineffective. There is, however, and can be no question, that conditions at the worst in any prohibition territory of which the writer has any knowledge, were much better than the conditions obtaining in Vancouver at any time since prohibition was repealed here.

Even in British Columbia, where the Government, through its Attorney-General, deliberately sought to make a failure of prohibition that the revenues of Government control might be available, there can be doubt about many matters.

Under prohibition there was bootlegging in Vancouver. No real attempt was made to eliminate it. But the bootlegging of that day was child's play to what goes on to-day under the Act that we were told, by those who didn't know, would eliminate it.

The people of British Columbia were handed a system already tried and proven to be a failure under gilt covered gold bricks such as "personal liberty," "the destruction of self-respect by prohibition," "the creation of a community of law breakers" (by prohibition).

Is it not about time we, as a people, asked for the only real safeguard in the liquor question—Prohibition—and refused to be happy until we got it, not tied hand and foot by political humbuggery, but, fairly enforced by a really sympathetic Government?

Perhaps, it is too much to ask the deceived ones to admit they are sold. They may be too angry at themselves. They may not really, yet, know how matters stand, or they may be guileless enough to still look for better things than prohibition can give.

Let us hope it will not be long before we get where we never have been—but should be—under prohibition.

#### The Beryl G. Case.

What liquor means to a community or province is quite well illustrated by the murder of Captain Gillis and his son.

While they were engaged in an unlawful, and indefensible, practice and trade, the story of the crime is a shocking proof of what greed and liquor combined mean in moral degeneracy.

Now, that the facts are known, let there be no hesitation. Even such a spineless thing as our present administration of justice should be moved to spare neither effort nor expense in placing the five or six men guilty of this murder on the scaffold.

It may be urged that such a toll is too large to take. Not at all. Every man, who was in that incident, was there willingly. None of them prevented the act. All, apparently, knew that arms were being carried. No one has, until now, taken steps to disclose what happened. All are, therefore, equally guilty both before and after the crime. Let all suffer a like penalty, the penalty of the murder done.

Such action would not only be just, but would have a deterrent value if speedily done.

This done, some one might be inspired to go further and clear up, in part, anyway, our present unsatisfactory situation in respect to crime, especially liquor evils.

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