

To this great task we promise to devote our energies, believing that the highest duty of public men is to seek to promote the health, to enlarge the opportunities and to increase the comfort and happiness of the masses of the people. We have presented to the Legislature and the people during the past three sessions important and far-reaching proposals, indicating the first steps to be taken along this line of progress. I shall not take space even to enumerate them all here. They deal with the settlement of New Ontario and the improvement of our educational and agricultural conditions; reform in land taxation; a Department of Labor; enlarging the opportunities of women to help us solve our problems; social legislation to improve the conditions of the workers; stopping the alienation of the public domain, and the extravagance and waste and expenditure of public money, and the curtailment of the liquor traffic.

THE TEMPERANCE POLICY

"The following is the policy upon which we ask the electors to pass judgment:—

"(1) The immediate abolition of the bar, including therein the abolition of all hotel and club licenses and therewith the treating system.

"(2) Such other restrictions upon the residue of the liquor traffic as experience may show to be necessary to limit its operations and effective to remedy its evils. Local option to be maintained as a means of wiping out the residue of the retail sale where the electors so decide.

"(3) The strict enforcement of the law by officials in sympathy with law enforcement, and the elimination of political influence from the administration of the law.

"(4) The regulation and inspection of all houses of public entertainment so as to insure reasonable accommodation for the travelling public.

"This policy means:

"Hotel liquor licenses. Every one wiped out. This means that liquor cannot be sold anywhere on the premises.

"Club liquor licenses. Every one wiped out.

"Treating system. Abolished.

"Shops are dealt with, but in a different way from bars:

"(1) They will come under further restrictions.

"(2) They can be wiped out by local option on a majority vote where the electors so decide.

"(3) New shop licenses cannot be issued in the place of bar licenses abolished.