

10. Mr. Flavelle begs the question when he supposes that I would not contend that wine for communion purposes should not be available. I was not aware that any liquor that contained 62.84 per cent. of proof spirits had been served at communion in the Methodist Church. Sir William Hearst and Mr. Flavelle are both in a position to say whether this is what is used.

Just one word in conclusion. The public want to know what is the character of the transaction between this License Board and Mr. Barnet Stone. Why should not the Hearst Government buy the liquor itself in Montreal or wherever it was to be obtained? Why was Mr. Stone employed as purchasing agent? It is common talk that the Government purchasing agent of liquors is paid \$10,000 because of his special knowledge. Why was he not employed? Could not Mr. Birmingham, the former Conservative organizer, who has been added to the Hearst Liquor Department at a salary of \$3,500 per year, be trusted to do this work in the interests of the public and the Hearst Government? What price did Mr. Barnet Stone pay for the liquor in Montreal? What price did he charge the Hearst Government for the liquor? What was the arrangement, if any, that he made with the rabbi?

I have made no suggestion, as some of the papers put it, that the Government has bought the votes of the Jews with cherry brandy. What I have charged is that there was an attempt to use its power on the part of the Government to influence the attitude of the Jewish population in South West Toronto against the Liberal candidates.

Sir William Hearst and Mr. Flavelle know by this time that it has miserably failed. As I said in Toronto, "the Jewish votes cannot be bought with a bottle of Government whiskey or brandy."

I am informed that "Dr." Stone's dispensary for this Vishnick cordial (made from cherries and blended brandy) has suspended operations in Toronto. Is this because the supply has been so quickly exhausted; or because the Government knows that it was wrong and has decided, as a result of the disclosures, to discontinue its illegal practices?