

B. C. Prohibition Act Condemned by Labor Councils

"Whereas the electors of British Columbia are to be asked to pronounce upon the British Columbia Prohibition Act at the forthcoming general elections in this Province; and

"Whereas organized labor, through its representative bodies and leaders, have placed themselves upon record as opposed to sumptuary legislation of this character as being not only totally inadequate to accomplish the aim professedly sought, but also harmful to the best interests of organized labor, entailing, as it does, unemployment to members with consequent impairment of its numerical strength; be it, therefore,

"Resolved, That the Trades and Labor Council of Vancouver, B.C., in harmony with representative bodies of organized labor elsewhere, places itself upon record as opposed to the proposed 'British Columbia Prohibition Act,' and to the principle involved therein."—"B.C. Federationist," July 21, 1916.

Victoria and Vancouver Trades and Labor Councils place themselves on Record as Opposed to the BRITISH COLUMBIA PROHIBITION ACT

NOT ONE WORD IN FAVOR

A very peculiar feature in connection with the consideration of the British Columbia Prohibition Act by the Provincial Legislature is that during the many times that it was before the House for discussion, not one single word was uttered by any member of the Legislature in praise of the Act, or in defence of the principles enunciated by the measure. The Bill came up, as usual, for first, second and third readings, as well as lengthy discussion in committee stage. Yet not a member of the House, Conservative, Liberal, Socialist or Independent, advocated or described it as a Prohibition Act in any sense of the word or outlined in what way the legislation would be for the best interests of the Province. No one spoke in favor. Every speech or remark made in the Legislative Halls was against the Bill, its principles were denounced and ridiculed, every section criticized and declared ineffective to obtain the result pretended by its originators—the prohibition of the sale or use of liquor.

Are you in favor of
bringing the "British
Columbia Prohibition
Act" into force?

Yes.

Mark your Ballot Here

No.

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