

by prohibition forces in 1907, declared by a majority of 800 in favor of the repeal of the Scott Act. Frightened by this display and by other evidences of public opinion, the prohibitionists later caused the passage of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act. Fearing that they would be badly defeated, the prohibitionists opposed the taking of a plebiscite in Sydney a few months ago. The plebiscite, however, was taken, and resulted in a majority of 792 in favor of license. This plebiscite was without legal effects and was merely a method of ascertaining public opinion.

Public opinion has manifested itself in unexpected quarters. The League of the Cross, the largest and most influential men's Roman Catholic society in Cape Breton, which had originally favored prohibition, passed a resolution condemning existing conditions in Nova Scotia and asking for a measure of legitimate license to rectify conditions there. The Rev. Father D. M. McAdam of the Sacred Heart Church, the most prominent Catholic clergyman in Cape Breton, recently preached powerful sermon, in which he declared that prohibition did away with temperance and was the cause of many murders among the foreigners in Sydney.

### Knives and Guns.

"These people," he said, "have been accustomed to their glass of wine or beer in their own countries, where nothing but the best liquors are sold, and where little drunkenness is in evidence, but here they are handed out the poisonous concoction which is on sale around the coke ovens and which sets them crazy. The result is that they turn upon each other with knives and guns. Over and above this, prohibition is the cause of men perjuring themselves day after day in the police courts. Instead of this being a