

Extreme temperance advocates will rail against the State polluting itself with "the accursed thing," but, as long as certain individuals in the State either legally or illegally pollute themselves, the sovereign body politic must be tainted in more or less degree even if only in its police courts. Possessed of a monopoly of the manufacture and sale of liquor, the Provincial Governments in whose hands the final solution of the problem must ultimately rest, would be in a strong strategic position, firstly, to regulate the sale of liquor, ensure its good quality, a most important matter, and enforce moderation in its consumption by the individual ; secondly, to make it a just weapon of luxury taxation yielding prolific revenues ; and thirdly, if simultaneously encouragement was given to the spread of the industrial canteen and the institution of rural community centres, to utilize the attractions of moderate beverages served under proper conditions as an engine for the amelioration of the barrenness of rural and industrial life in Canada. Will the moderate wing of the Temperance Party not consider such a solution ?

There is no need to deny that this temperance party has not accomplished some magnificent work : admittedly no propaganda of this century has called forth so much