

in the Province of Ontario to this man who is hailed as Prohibition leader to see that so far as this law is concerned at this critical moment when this great moral issue has to be decided there shall be no stretching of the law.

I find that during the past week an interpretation has been placed upon the Act, one that startles the very conscience of the community. Only on Saturday last it was announced in the synagogues in S. W. Toronto that so far as a certain liquor was concerned it would be served to those Jews who desired it, and they would get the document that entitled them to get it from the vendors. That was the startling condition, and it was scarcely understood what was meant. But let me go a little ahead of my story and tell you that on Monday morning the *Globe* appearing to know all about it inserted an article in which attention was called to the fact that there was going to be a serious issue of liquor, and in the evening the *Evening Star* rose to the occasion. We have an article which tells you that if prohibition be a success it is equally necessary to carry the premier on to the apologetic article which tells us that the License Department declared that the privilege was never abused by the Jews. The long and short of the resolution of the License Department is that under it the issue of liquor to our Jewish friends has been permitted under certain conditions that I shall presently refer to, and it is recited—and the gentleman who speaks of the matter is a very eminent and pious gentleman—the fact that this privilege is not abused and so far there have been no complaints about wine issued for religious purposes. That was on Monday afternoon. And the resolution recites that the motion passed by the Board was that:

"Whereas representations have been made to the Board of License Commissioners by the chief rabbi of the Jewish religion in Toronto that it is necessary that suitable wine should be provided for the use of members of the Jewish community in Toronto during the feast of the Tabernacles for the year 1919, under the direction of the rabbi of each congregation, and an application has been made to the board for authority to import such wine as may be necessary for that purpose during the said feast, being a religious observance extending from Tuesday, the 7th day of October, until noon of Thursday of the 16th day of October, 1919, and it appearing desirable that such application be granted.

"Therefore be it resolved that Barnet Stone, residing at 633 Euclid Avenue, in the City of Toronto, be appointed a special vendor under the provisions of section 6a of the Ontario Temper-