

"(2) That we declare the complete and immediate prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes to be the duty of the civil Government."

As young people, loyal to every interest of our Church, we do not forget that this is a question, the solution of which requires and demands our most strenuous efforts. The solution of the question, too, will be brought about, not so much by strongly worded resolutions of representative and influential bodies, although these are necessary in defining their position, as by patient and continuous efforts of earnest individual workers in every circle of the community.

However disappointing to us may have been the postponement until next session of the consideration of the Prohibition Bill by the Dominion Parliament, let us not for one moment think that nothing can now be done. Rather, we must consider it as an additional incentive to more thorough work in preparation for the Plebiscite vote. Sir Richard Cartwright has stated that the Bill will be introduced early in the next session. That means that within twelve months we shall be called upon to engage in campaign for a Dominion Plebiscite. Direct votes of this nature have already, on different occasions, been taken in four of our Provinces with results as follows:

Province.	Date of Voting.	Votes cast for Prohibition	Votes cast against Prohibition	Majority for Prohibition
Manitoba.....	July, 1892	19,637	7,115	12,522
Prince Edward Island..	Dec., 1893	10,616	3,390	7,226
Ontario.....	Jan., 1894	192,489	110,720	81,769
Nova Scotia.....	Mar., 1894	43,756	12,355	31,401
		266,498	133,580	132,918

In April, 1893, the newly elected Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick unanimously adopted a strong resolution in favor of total prohibition. Now it remains for us, by an overwhelming majority taken simultaneously over the whole of the Dominion, to show that we are thoroughly in earnest in this matter, and are not to be set aside from our repeatedly expressed purpose—total prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicants for beverage purposes. The short space of one year or less is not too much time for thorough preparation for such a vote; nor must the fact be lost sight of that in January next the present Ontario Provincial Legislature will enter upon its last session. That means that within a year we shall be again electing men to represent us in the Local House. Past experiences have taught us that much of our success in securing effective temperance legislation lies in first securing men sound on the question to represent us. As to what we as young people can do in the immediate future to help on this work:

(1) We can begin to ascertain the views of any persons with whom we come in frequent contact. If they are not strongly in favor of prohibitive legislation there is no better work we can do than to induce them to see, what we believe to be, the only true and right side of the question.

(2) We can identify ourselves with whatever local active branch of prohibition advocates may be near us; and we can greatly assist them in the matter of distributing literature as may be necessary and in other details, thus leaving the leaders with their hands and time free to attend to matters connected with legislation, etc.

(3) We can make it our business to see that the local press is supplied with prohibition information, both local and general, and see to it that it is published, too. It may be necessary, sometimes, to have the information pre-

sented in the form of an address or discussion at a public meeting, and then send it to the press as a report of a meeting. This method will serve a double purpose, and has many things to commend it. This may serve as a suggestion as to how we can make good use of our temperance evening in the League.

This article is based upon thoughts given us by one of the most able and active prohibition advocates of our Dominion, and are intended to give the strongest emphasis possible to the fact that the preparations for the impending campaign should be begun now, and should be continued until the other side see that opposition is useless and cease their efforts to re-establish this accursed evil in our beautiful and loved Dominion.

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