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"If the community has no reason to be surprised at the combination of the Licensed Victuallers, they assuredly have no reason to be surprised at the rise of the Alliance. The ultimate issue of the struggle is certain. If anyone doubts the preponderance of good over evil in human nature, he has only to study the history of moral crusades. The enthusiastic energy and self-devotion with which a moral cause inspires its soldiers always have prevailed, and always will prevail, over any amount of self-interest or material power arrayed on the other side. The Alliance is already powerful and growing in power. It will conquer."—Prof. Goldwin Smith, in a letter on the United Kingdom Alliance.

There has been set on foot in Montreal, with good prospects of success, a great petition movement, the object of which is to induce the Local Legislature to make the license law of the Province still more stringent, reducing the number of licenses, entirely separating the sale of liquor from the sale of other commodities, and providing for a more rigid system of inspection. The movement had its origin with the Catholic section of the community, but is securing the hearty co-operation of all classes who are in favor of temperance and morality.

Rarely have soldiers been called upon to perform great feats of courage and endurance than have been our Canadian volunteers in their journey to the North-West, and perhaps never have such privations and hardships been more successfully gone through. We believe that our brave boys have done more than they could otherwise have done, on account of the wise orders that were given against the carrying with them of any strong drink, and we are very sorry to learn that this order was not general, and that some regiments had liquor on the road. The history of the journey, and the conduct of both drinkers and non-drinkers ought to settle forever the question of temperance among soldiers, from the standpoints of manliness, decency and strength.

There has just been issued by the Citizen Publishing Company a new edition of Hon. J. B. Finch's great book, "The People vs. the Liquor Traffic." This is the best and most overwhelmingly-convincing, popular argument against the liquor traffic that has ever been published in this country. We strongly urge every one of our readers to secure a copy. Concerning it, Hon. S. H. Blake, President of the Ontario Branch of the Alliance, recently wrote the editor:—

"I have read through "The People and the Liquor Traffic," as presented in the arguments of the Hon. John B. Finch. I think the addresses are most admirable. I know of no book that would do us more good in the Temperance Campaign in the Dominion of Canada, than this. The facts and arguments adduced seem to meet exactly the phases of the liquor question and traffic, which are to-day being presented to our people. I wish that we could have a cheap edition of the work in Canada, so that it might be in the hands of every minister and temperance lecturer in our land.

The time is fast approaching when it will be much more pleasant to be abroad than indoors, and it will be a little more difficult than it has hitherto been to get audiences in hot halls and close churches. We would strongly urge upon our friends everywhere the desirability of opening up a grand summer campaign of outdoor meetings. Such meetings have been carried on very successfully in Toronto on Sunday afternoons for many years with most encouraging results, and a similar plan has been extensively adopted by our friends in the United States. People will gather to an outdoor meeting who could never be induced to enter a hall or church, and in nearly every locality a suitable place for such meetings can be readily secured. Let us have a vigorous outdoor summer campaign.

We are very much pleased to see that the Dominion Government has decided to suspend the part of the McCarthy Act that has been declared *ultra vires*, pending an appeal to the Privy Council. The uncertainty caused by the recent state of affairs was very bad, and in many places immense mischief was done by the issuing of Dominion Licenses in localities where the people were strongly opposed to their issue, and where such issuing had been before prevented by the power placed in the hands of the people by the Provincial Legislatures. This was notably the case in Toronto, where unneeded bar-rooms were opened on the Island and in other objectionable places, where our exhibition last year was disgraced through the cupidity of those who ought to have been jealous of its honor and fame, and where the Dominion Commissioners have actually been proposing to grant grocers' licenses for the present year, notwithstanding a municipal by-law abolishing such licenses, ratified by an immense majority of our electors who voted upon the question. The Government has now wisely declared its intention to have this outrage stopped, and to have terminated at once, a state of affairs that was unfair to the liquor-sellers, perplexing to the public, and cruelly deterrent to temperance work, besides all which, it had a dangerous tendency to drag efforts for restriction of the liquor traffic into undesirable entanglement with party politics.