

# THE VANGUARD.

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## WHAT NEXT ?

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This is the question now in many hearts and on many lips in the Province of Ontario. A magnificent victory for the prohibition cause was won in the expression of opinion recorded at the polls on January 1st. Those who voted against the liquor traffic are anxious to know what will be the practical outcome of their declaration of opinion.

At the last session of the Ontario Legislature there was introduced into the House by Mr. G. F. Marter a bill proposing to entirely prohibit the retail sale of liquor. The House declined to enact the measure on the advice of the attorney-general, who stated that there was uncertainty as to the jurisdiction of the legislature to enact so large a measure of prohibition. The leader of the opposition took the ground that the bill, in proposing to prohibit the retail traffic was really only a restrictive measure, and that the right of the legislature to enact it was therefore clear. The attorney-general proposed to refer to the courts the whole question of the powers of the legislature in relation to the liquor traffic. This has since been done by the submission to the Supreme Court of the series of questions which will be found on page 92 of the December VANGUARD. It is expected that the decision of the Supreme Court will be