

sioned by the anomaly presented in the recent burlesque minority judgment over an application of the Toronto & York Radial Railway Company in respect of its Metropolitan division.

The Liberal policy promises the creation of a Railway Board for Ontario equal in efficiency to the Dominion Railway Commission.

ABOLISH THE THREE-FIFTHS HANDICAP

The Liberal party stands pledged to abolish the three-fifths handicap in local option contests and to allow a straight majority to rule.

In the five years that the three-fifths requirement has been law it has operated to make local option permanent in only one solitary municipality. It has operated to make licenses remain in one hundred and twenty municipalities. Notwithstanding all this the Government still refuse to yield and continue to maintain this liquor-favoring and progress-hindering injustice.

In the last five years the people have, by majority vote, declared in favor of prohibition in 306 municipalities.

Owing to the three-fifths handicap prohibition has been put in force only in 186 municipalities.

The people voted for licenses in only 81 municipalities.

The law forced licenses upon 201 municipalities.

The people voted for the closing of 913 barrooms.

The law permitted the closing of only 492 barrooms.

The people voted for the keeping of 322 barrooms.

The law compelled the keeping of 743 barrooms.

HAD MAJORITY RULE AT ONE TIME.

Prior to 1906 the electors of the Province of Ontario had the right by a majority vote to adopt local option by-laws prohibiting the retail sale of liquor within their municipalities. At the session of the Provincial Legislature in 1906 the Whitney Government amended the law and provided that thereafter a local option by-law could not be adopted unless approved of by three-fifths of the electors voting thereon.