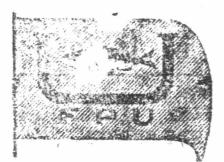
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### OUR POINT OF VIEW

He "Prefers the Bar"

WE publish below a further epistle from the Rev Mr epistle from the Rev. Mr Whitehouse, who writes letters even more freely than sermons, and in this case wastes his eloquence in a bad cause.

In former letters, Mr. Whitehouse opposed Prohibition because it was compulsion, but now he opposes it because it does not compel. In the former he relied on admonitions made by his Bishop in 1912, which he misapplied, but in this last he relies on the Encyclopedia Brittanica, written by a man with like prejudices

to his own. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. If Mr. Whitehouse knew more, he would say less about a condition of things elsewhere which does not exist here. The author he refers to speaks of state wide prohibition and local prohibition, and says they have not succeeded.

Now, local prohibition is what we here call local option, and upon the whole local option has succeeded here. Will Mr. Whitehouse deny that? In so far as it is evaded, the fault has occurred because liquor has been introduced into local option areas from outside areas.

In so far as State wide prohibition has failed in the United States, the cause has been the same as here in local option areas —the liquor has come in from other states. If Mr. Whitehouse will read his Encyclopedia closely. he will find that importation into an American state is not unlawfu! even when the State prohibits the

eral matter. The Prohibition which will prevail here is against importation. manufacture or sale, and is not merely state wide, but is Colony wide. It will be effective because fewer loopholes are provided for escape, and because our people

are law abiding. Prohibition has not been a failure, though its success has been qualified. It is a better system, and has produced better results than the license system of Great Britain, which has created conditions found to be intolerable in

this Great War. State wide Prohibition exists more generally in the United States to-day than ever before. which fact is the testimony to its effectiveness given by the people who know best. Russia has prohibited Vodka, and France has banished absinthe. What a wonder those countries had not read the against.

Encyclopedia Brittanica. the bar to the sheebeen any day." Indicated in the Enclyco Britannica

put down the shebeen? Wh bring the law upon any poor sinner?" Is not the right to sell commodities a natural one? Why not leave the sale to voluntary action? Why create shebeens by restricting the sale of liquor? Why not try "the Christian way," and deal with it as a sin? Oh, Mr. Whitehouse, you're a very shallow and inconsistent reasoner.

Mr. Whitehouse concludes his letter by saying: "There is still the Christian way to deal with it (the Liquor Traffic), as a sin. Why not try it?" That would involve the repeal of all local option and license laws, and place the liquor traffic on the same basis as any other trade. Is that Mr. Whitehouse's proposal? Just previous ly, he had expressed a preference for a licensed bar, which is deal ing with the traffic as a possible nuisance. Apparently, he want to deal with the traffic as a sin with a modified aid from the law. Oh man of little faith!

> Mr. Whitehouse claims that he acted "as a Citizen" in the late campaign. That was impossible. under the circumstances. As citizen, if he could be regarded as such, Mr. Whitehouse could have done little harm. But as the Rector of Trinity West, he was a stumbling block and an offence. The respect in which our people desire to hold their clergy invests those gentlemen even in purely secular matters with a dignity and importance which is part of their office, and, therefore, they cannot act as citizens merely even when they would. Just as they offend some of their people and hurt their Church when they enter politics, they offend and injure when they take sides and make themselves prominent in matters like the one one under discussion. When they do, they choose their associates, and Mr. Whitehouse has chosen the rum sellers for his companions, and made the rum

traffic his very own. We are charged with not sufferng any opinion but our own. That precisely is the attitude Mr. Whitehouse takes every day when he thunders from his pulpit. We speak to a larger congregation han he addresses. We are responsible for more people than hang on his words. We read, consider and speak, and our speeches have to be clear and crisp. We do not, however, make up our mind after reading one article in the Encyclopedia, nor do we speak, we trust, with the gymnastics that have marked Mr. Whitehouse's etters on this question. On this. what we have said, we have said, and have no regrets. We have chosen our side, and our companions on this matter, and have hosen more wisely then Mr. Whitehouse, who, being Rector of Trinity West, has done his Church n this diocese great harm and seriously lessened his own efficiency as a minister of the gospel.

#### HR. WHITEHOUSE WRITES AGAIN IN REPLY TO OUR REMARKS

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,-First please let me state that no man has greater confidence ermed my own opinion.

You put a meaning on my words ot intended and certainly not imolied in reference to him. Who is

You admit that the state deals with the Liquor Traffic as a public

you indicate is the proper way. But, sin. Why not try it? my Dear Sir, you assume that your own opinion must be the right one, and attack in a most intemperate manner those who form their own pinions as the Bishop of Newfound.

A proper authority the Encyclo Britannica informed me that American liquor laws are examples of what to avoid. Prohibition has resulted in deceit, shebeens and political strife, etc. The one thing it has never done is to make a "wet" state dry, save in name. As a citizen, therefore, and on proper authority, came to the conclusion Prohibition would do more harm than good. Believing this I could not support it, neither will I until convinced to the contrary, notwithstanding your outrageous attacks. You assume that it is a good law and you have a perfect right to your own opinion, but to rail at those who differ from you is unjustifiable and to say the least or t very extraordinary. It is your duty to prove that Prohibition does what the name implies, not to launch forth as you have done of late against men who sincerely hold that it results in worse evils than it is directed

Mr. Whitehouse says: "I prefer impartial frame of mind, and it was not until I saw the evils coming Either is a bad place for a clergyman any day. We have no choice,
because we oppose both. But we
thought Mr. Whitehouse was opposed to compulsion. Why, then,

### Mr. Parsons' Case

LISEWHERE in this issue will

orn Bay made a mistake in the of the available voters. wording of the message and as a esult Mr. Parsons is now out of bocket \$44.90.

ognize any responsibility for misakes made by their operators, and s far as Supt. Scott or Postmas-

dopt. This branch of the Civil 620 votes! our Colony.

Government postal offices?

The public are expected to patn question we, for one, would hink twice before entrusting important business messages to the elegraph offices.

some operator whose carelessness the future. graph Department.

testing against the manner in 10. which some of the postal operators conduct their business in Outport ing around the office—a practice sons \$44.00. which is directly opposite to the Mr. Parsons has a claim, and to "Yesterday I was talking to a

he bar to the shebeen any day and

clergyman you are a citizen." Quite deals with the Liquor Traffic as a parsons of parson rom the material point of view as Christian way to deal with it, as a

Yours, etc. H. V. WHITEHOUSE. Trinity, Nov. 15, 1915.

### The Temperance Poll In Newfoundland

hat Mr. Parsons on October 6th, tion that, however strongly the death of Mr. Devine. 1914, sent a business message to affirmative vote may be, it shall Mr. McCarthy being a lawyer Adams' Cove. The operator at not count for prohibition unless it will fill the vacancy at the Court

The Postal Telegraph Depart- may be in any particular district, ment, is an outrage of the blackest nent it would seem from the cor- it appears that if the vote falls be- hue. Mr. Lloyd does all the work espondence herewith do not re- low forty per cent, the deficit is of the Department and knows the er General Woods are concerned, prohibition and 336 against, show- knows the Morris Party are on Mr. Parsons can whistle for his ing a clear majority of 213 for their last tack and if he don't get This is certainly a very high decisive vote, however, St. never find a warm place. nanded proceedure for the Heads George's is scored in the anti-proof a Government Department to hibition column by a majority of

s none too good and the present which votes "yea" by 213 votes is letter received by Archdeacon Wilstate of affairs is directly attri-recorded "nay" by 620, is well berforce, Chaplain of the House of butable to the Morris ideals of worth examining. As a proposi- Commons, from one of his parishconducting the public affairs of tion in mathematics, it is not so ioners travelling in Russia. In orcomplicated as it looks, however der to enable our readers to real-Mr. Parsons, to our mind, has it may appear from the point of ize what a change has been lone the right thing in publishing view of the voter. It appears that wrought in Russia by prohibiting these letters for the information forty per cent. of the St. George's the sale of Vodka. We reproduce district vote would total 1169. As the letter, which is as follows: Where would Mr. Parsons stand the prohibitionists only secured "The first thing that must strike f his loss, through the careless- 549, they have fallen short of the anyone who has known Russia less or otherwise of a Government effective minimum by 620 votes, the last twenty years is the look of postal operator, amounted to It seems that this failure does not health and happiness stamped up-3400.00 or \$4,000.00? Is there to have the effect of wiping out the on all classes as the result of nearne no protection for the business St. George's district from the ly a year's total abstention from nen of this country who do their count, but of placing it in the anti- alcohol. The poorer folk, even the elegraph business through the prohibition column by a majority kindly but once besotted cab-

Before forming an opinion, onize the Postal Telegraphs; but therefore, as to how the count will go, it would be necessary to mas-

who evidently operate the keys at the people of the Ancient Colony poisoning the sources of spiritual ome of the Government Postal are overwhelmingly in favor of a enthusiasm. There is certainly a state prohibitory law, whether party in Russia who are under Mr. Parsons has met a loss of they succeed in getting it or not. German influence, and who talk 345.00 through the error of either The result of the vote will be com- the same kind of pernicious nonhe operator at Harbour Grace or pletely summed up in a few days, sense as one sometimes hears in Western Bay, this Mr. Woods ad- One would think that if prohibi- England. I had hoped that this nits; yet Mr. Parsons or any other tion survives the tests to which was not so in Russia, but, like ourpusiness man who finds himself in the Newfoundland authorities are selves, the Russians have allowed similar position, must be out of now subjecting it, there will be no the Germans to get a very strong pocket through the stupidity of limit to what it can accomplish in hold in all purely material mat-

is defended by the Superintendent Ballot-box stuffing is a crude "Thank God, however, Russia of the Government Postal Tele- and primitive means of defeating possesses sealed fountains of spirthe popular will, by comparison itualiay and idealism which no On several occasions we have with the original methods of tally- German or other poisonous influpublished through our columns ing they have devised in the old ences can reach. One feels this

Rules and Regulations governing our mind a just one, and the quick soldier of six-and-twenty with such offices, besides being annoy- er the Colonial Secretary enforces both his legs gone. He was sitting ing to the general public who have his authority on the Postal Tele- up in bed keeping everyone business to transact at these of graph Department the better it around him happy and cheerful, Perhaps if an investigation was partment, and will go a long way some invincible, but very tender -- to create a confidence in the New- Archangel. I now understand in his Bishop than I have. I have blasphemous, considering from whom foundland Government Postal what Khomiakov meant by "the it comes, a man who will not suffer. Telegraph Department, which is Paschal spirit of the Russian peosadly lacking nowadays.

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### **New Appointments**

TORDAN MILLEY, the thrice debe found some correspond- THE plebiscite in Newfound-Twillingate, has been appointed ence which passed between Mr. I land on the question of pro-Superintendent of the Money Or-Selby Parsons of Harbour Grace hibition has clearly resulted in an der Department in the Post Office, and the Government Telegraph overwhelming affirmative vote. while Mr. McCarthy, the present The prohibitionists are, however, holder of the job, has been trans-From close persual of the corre- under a handicap, placed on them ferred to the position at the Magspondence in question it appears by the Government, in the condi-istrates' Court, left vacant by the

either or Harbour Grace or West-represents at least forty per cent very well; but to place Mr. Milley over Mr. G. B. Lloyd, who for 30 On the other hand, however years has rendered faithful serstrong the temperance majority vices in the Money Order Departscored up against prohibition. For duties as no other living man can; instance, we are told that the St. yet he is passed over in order to George's district voted 549 for find a job for Jordon Milley, who temperance reform. Despite this in out of the cold now, he will

### READERS, ATTENTION!

magazine published in Lon-Service under ordinary conditions The method by which a district A don last month contained a

drivers, are all transfigured. In this respect Russia is certainly reaping a blessing from the war, a blessing so great that one needs to ter the intricacies of this remark- see it with one's own eyes to realise the full wonder of it.

"Here, as at home, one finds areless or incompetent operators. Nevertheless it is clear that the enemy has been busy

letters from Outport people pro-colony.—Sydney Daily Post, Nov. when one goes about, as I have been doing the last few days, from hospital to hospital talking with offices. Those complaints tell of made this condition of affairs may all, with the soldiers themselves. the doctors and nurses and, above many instances where friends of be found to have been the cause of Here all the suffering seems to be the operator are continually hang- the error which has cost Mr. Par- quite lost in a wonderful serenity and radiance.

will be for the future of the De- and in his face was a look like

Now Mr. Bennett, do your duty. "I am going on to Moscow and itable and not so reckless. I prefer If Mr. Woods or Mr. Scott are un- probably into the country near suppose most men with their eyes able to manage the Postal Tele- Jaroslav, where I shall see the reopen do the same. People should graph Department, as it should be, sults of the temperance movement bear in mind that Prohibition, accord- put some one there who will do so among the women, who are saving ing to proper authority has been a and who will see that our business and making the home what it has State. May we always so deal with results in deceit, political strife and men and the public in general are never been before. As a doctor secret drinking to an alarming extent. protected from such unnecessary said to me yesterday: 'In spite of Please observe this letter is based annoyance and expense as is Mr. all the horrors I can hardly wish You say "In addition to being a on your admission that the State Parsons of Harbour Grace in the the war to end until the temper-

> 'The Russians are buying their salvation with their blood, but nal for the price paid.'

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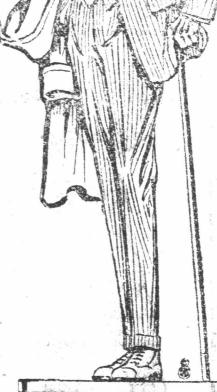
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