

platform on which I now stand is the policy of the Liberal Party as enunciated in that resolution; and I ask you to-day: Is it more important to know where a party and its leader stand so far as this principle is concerned, or to find out what the personal view of the leader is as regards what he drinks or what breakfast food or cereal he takes, or how he personally proposes to vote?

"The Liberal Party is just as earnest now as in 1914. We said in the resolution, we believe in the highest legislation the Province has power to enact. We believe it is the right of the people to decide in the referendum vote and to deal with it as a separate and distinct issue; and we want the judgment of the people upon the Government of this Province as a separate and distinct issue from the referendum.

"I am sorry to say that an attempt has been made and is still being made to make capital for the Conservative Party by mixing up the question of the referendum with the question of the general election. What other reason could there be for bringing these two votes on together? What other reason could there be for the way in which the Government is endeavouring to mix matters up? The question of temperance is before the people in the referendum, and any temperance questions which may arise in the future must be determined by the people and dealt with by the majority. And we say that in the future the question of temperance must never again become a party football. (Loud applause).

"I feel strongly with reference to these matters, because already we have an indication of the way in which the political game is being played. It was not very long ago that certain newspapers undertook to tell the Liberal Party what its policy should be and undertook to tell the Liberal leader what he should do and where he should go. The Liberal party has been getting along pretty well, and the Liberal leader has been able to tell the people where he stands, and he has not side-stepped any issue that the people of the Province have to deal with and does not propose to do so in the future.

"The United Farmers were told by my friend Mr. Hearst that they must not allow themselves to become camouflaged Grits or to become a donkey-engine for the Liberal Party. The "donkey-engine" idea was in Sir William's mind and we find that he was using that suggestion to blind the eyes of the farmers. But we see now that he is endeavouring to make the "Christian Guardian" a "donkey-engine" of the Methodist Church. Partizan political editorials are appearing in that paper—a paper which my much