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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1919

**THE SPLITTING OF THE BALLOT.**

The impression obtained in some quarters that voters must answer each question in the same way, that is the four questions on the ballot must be answered with four Yes's or four No's or the ballot is spoiled.

The Premier made this matter very clear in his speech. He said:—

"In order to prevent confusion in determining the result, every voter must vote on every question, or his ballot will be spoiled. The Act will be so drawn as to give effect to whatever the will of the people may be as disclosed by the vote on each question."

He went on to explain in detail the effect of the various votings upon each question, showing what would happen if a person voting "No" on question 1 and "Yes" on question 2 and so on. After doing this, he said:

"Each question stands by itself. On each question the voter must make a deliberate decision and vote accordingly. The full force of public opinion will therefore be recorded for and against each question."

It should, however, be made clear that for any person to vote "Yes" in answer to any question means the smashing of the Ontario Temperance Act. The "Yes" is the liquor side of this issue; the "No" the prohibition side, and the line is clearly and distinctly drawn between "wet" and "dry." Any person who votes "Yes" on any question, even on one question, and "No" on all the others, practically annuls his three "No" votes by the one "Yes"; his ballot, though not legally a spoiled one, counts on the liquor side.

**DIVISION COURT SITTINGS FOR SEPTEMBER.**

In consequence of the approaching revision of voters' lists for the referendum, Judge Reynolds has made the following changes in the sittings of the Division Courts appointed for September. No change is made in the sittings at Brockville:

Newboro, from 9th September to 7th October.

Delta, from 10th September to 8th October.

Athens, from 11th September to 10th October.

Prescott, from 16th September to 14th October.

Spencerville, from 17th September to 15th October.

Kemptville, from 18th September to 16th October.

Merrickville, from 19th September to 17th October.

Mallorytown, from 23rd September to 21st October.

Gananoque, from 24th September to 22nd October.

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Athens Ontario

**LEEDS COUNTY ONTARIO  
REFERENDUM COMMITTEE**

Urges all Electors to Mark Their Ballot Thus:

	YES	NO
1 Are you in favor of the repeal of the Ontario Temperance Act?		X
2 Are you in favor of the sale of light beer containing not more than 2 51-100 per cent alcohol, weight measure through Government Agencies, and amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act to permit such sale?		X
3 Are you in favor of the sale of light beer containing not more than 2 51-100 per cent alcohol, weight measure, in standard hotels in local municipalities that by majority vote, favor such sale and and amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act to permit such sale?		X
4 Are you in favor of the sale of spirituous & malt liquors through Government agencies, and amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act to permit sale?		X

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

- 1—Mark your bollot with an "X" only: ANYTHING ELSE WOULD SPOIL IT.
- 2—Unless you vote on every question, your ballot is spoiled.
- 3—Unless a majority vote "no" on question 1, the bars will be restored and the sale of all kinds of intoxicants permitted.
- 4—Unless a majority vote "no" on question 2, 3 and 4 the Ontario Temperance Act will become almost worthless.
- 5—The only SAFE course is to mark your ballot as above.

MAJOR W. F. McCONNELL, Organizer  
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**Athens Lumber Yard  
and Grain Warehouse**

**Alcohol is Poison**

**Doctors Say It Is a Menace  
in Any and All Forms**

**F**IVE ounces of alcohol will kill a full-grown healthy man within ten hours. Taken in smaller but repeated doses alcohol lets him live longer but gets him in the end. All alcoholic beverages are poison, slow or swift.

Medical science has established that alcohol is a poison and a narcotic chemically related to ether and chloroform, and not a stimulant. A man was once brought out of ether who had taken eight ounces, and a man was once brought out of chloroform who had taken 22½ ounces, but no man ever revived who swallowed five ounces of alcohol at a single dose. The unconsciousness or coma-produced by alcohol if not broken within ten or twelve hours is followed by practically certain death.

Alcohol as medicine has been expelled from the American Pharmacopoeia by the American Medical Association.

**2.51% Alcohol in Beer  
Makes it Poison**

**T**HE beer of the ballot contains 2.51% alcohol by weight—over twice as strong as the beer of the Ontario Temperance Act (2.50 Proof Spirits). The Beer of the Ballot is intoxicating. Three glasses of the Beer of the Ballot contains as much alcohol as a glass of whiskey.

When you are asked are you in favor of beer containing 2.51% alcohol by weight—in shops, bars, or anywhere else, vote

**"No!"—Four Times—"No!"**

Save yourself, save your family, save your country for the destiny God intended unhandicapped by "booze."

Be careful—mark your ballot after each question with an X under the column headed "No," or your vote will be lost to Temperance.

**Ontario Referendum Committee**

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Great War Veterans' Association—Toronto Branches:  
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Veterans' Association. The Naval Veterans' Association.  
75th Battalion Association. 75th Battalion Officers' Association.  
The Originals' Club. 83rd Battalion Association.

These great Organizations of men who were the first to answer the call in the fight for liberty are endorsing the platform of the Citizens' Liberty League because they know, with the League, that the Ontario Temperance Act unduly restricts the liberties of the citizens of the Province.

These men ask,—and what men in the Province have such a right to ask?—that you vote "YES" on questions two and three on the Referendum Ballot—and so assure to the citizens a beer containing 2.51 per cent. alcohol by weight, absolutely non-intoxicating—the Beer of the Ballot.

**Vote "YES" on all Four Questions**

Remember, every voter must vote on every question or his ballot will be spoiled.

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