

of you who think it wrong to establish an arbitrary distinction between different sections of the community as to the right to use liquor as a beverage.

Vote for Cassidy.

I ask all such real Prohibitionists, temperance people, and plain citizens who respect equality, justice and sanity in legislation to condemn this Act and vote for me. I admit that, by reason of their strong self-interest, I may expect the vote of the men who justly, naturally and vigorously resent legislation which takes away their business, not for the purpose of putting an end to that class of business, but for the purpose of transferring it, without any reason acceptable outside of a lunatic asylum, to men carrying on the like trade outside our Province. I am not condemning the Act, however, because of the interests of these men, but on much wider considerations.

Root Principle of Act Wrong.

The Act is a thoroughly bad Act from every standpoint. There is only one thing for the electors to do, and that is to throw it out. The root principle of it is wrong, and no amount of amendment in detail can cure it. Make way for reasonable liquor legislation on correct principles.

Domesticates Liquor in Homes and Encourages Treating.

Perhaps the two worst features of the Act, from a moral standpoint, are that it domesticates liquor drinking by forcing it from the saloon into the home. There is now, of course, the right to drink in the home, but men do not here do their drinking in their homes, but outside. Up till now drink has never been domesticated in practice in the homes of Canada. The Act encourages, one might say necessitates, the adoption of the treating system, which is the cause of most of serious drinking at bars. Treating is prohibited in England. If this Act passes, the only place where a man who has not a "private dwelling house" can get a drink in British Columbia will be in the "private dwelling house" of a friend, and human nature being what it is, there will be an enormous amount of entertaining of this kind.

Medical and Druggist Features Deteriorating.

Putting aside the medical and druggist features of the Act, which cannot but have a deteriorating effect, making sneaks, liars and shufflers of men; the effect on the non "private dwelling house" group of the community, hard-working men, most of them, (I may confide in you that I live in one room myself), men accustomed to drink a little with their friends at times,—and really our working-men drink very little,—

Arbitrary Distinctions Between Men.

Prohibition of Beverage Drinking Not Applied to "Private Dwelling House" People But to All Others.

I say the effect on people like us, confronted with the spectacle of residence folk allowed a right of personal choice in regard to what they shall drink, which is arbitrarily denied to us by the Supermen, cannot be otherwise than injurious to our self-respect and our sense of liberty and equality. "Private dwelling house" includes a