

ple, from a political standpoint, are not dangerous. He knows that the good people of the province re the liquor traffic are sound asleep. He knows that the liquor interest is in league with the church. He knows, or thinks he knows, that in the matter of help, influence and votes the temperance people cannot, or will not, "deliver the goods." And—he is not to be blamed overmuch for acting on his knowledge, for a politician without "votes" is as impotent as a general without an army.

There are thousands of temperance cranks who creak for months before the election day, but when the hour for action arrives they neither creak nor crank. In that hour principle and doctrine surrenders to prejudice and party spirit and when it comes to "a show of hands" the temperance saint is not there. I presume that that is the reason why neither party is over anxious for the "temperance vote." What the temperance party needs is a temperance vote, solid, stubborn and influential and that vote can only be secured by an agitation, fiery, fierce and persistent.

The temperance sentiment in Manitoba is strong. If that sentiment is once aroused the bar must go. To banish the bar and eliminate the treating system would reduce the sale of liquor, and its attendant evils, sixty-five per cent. The liquor dealers believe this if Sir Roⁿond does not. Arouse that sentiment and turn every aroused conscience into a vote and party leaders, on both sides, will be tumbling over each other to court your favor and do your bidding.

At the present time we are simply playing with things. To head a delegation and go to the parliament, once a year, and ask for "a saving clause," may be necessary, but it marks time rather than progress. If the growth of restrictive legislation in Manitoba is to be measured by the progress made during the past ten years, it will take about one hundred years to make any radical change in the social drinking customs now in vogue. What we need is an upheaval; a whirlwind campaign for the revival of a social and moral consciousness. We need a revival of religion which will strike the ballot box.

We need a campaign, and campaigns cost money. Fifty thousand dollars, invested in men and literature would banish the bar in three years. What we need is the presence of the "specialist" whom the premier thought so much of as to compliment by a special reference when speaking to the delegation. "Billy" Sunday has wiped out the saloon in community after community in the Western States by evangelistic agitation, until the representatives of the liquor trusts have been amazed and puzzled beyond measure. We should procure our own "specialists" and concentrate them on Manitoba.

We will never win by quiet meas-