

DOMINION WIDE PROHIBITION

The Dominion government by prohibiting the importation of intoxicating liquors during the war, has taken a step which is the logical sequel of the prohibitory measures adopted by eight out of the nine Provinces of Confederation. It is a long stride forward in the direction of totally abolishing the liquor traffic in Canada. Under the laws prevailing in the different Provinces at present, it is possible to import from one to another for private consumption. When the new restriction governing this traffic goes into effect, the transportation into any part of Canada will be illegal. This prohibition will be enforced on and after April 1 next. It is further proposed to put an end to the manufacture of intoxicating liquor in the country. To all intents and purposes this is a Dominion-wide prohibitory measure, far stricter than any legislation in force in any of the Provinces.

The government has shown courage of a character which will commend its action to the great mass of public opinion. Under ordinary circumstances no step of this kind would have been taken except through the ordinary channels of parliament. We doubt, indeed, if any government would have had the courage to bring in such sweeping legislation without having first submitted a referendum to the people. But these are not ordinary times. Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues believe that the abuse of intoxicating liquors is impairing the country's efficiency in the war. It is for this reason that practically the first act of the Union government following its return at the polls has been to put an end to the liquor traffic, or, in other words, to make Canada dry. Automatically the new regulations will make Quebec a prohibition province, whether or not its legislature takes action. Quebec is the only part of the Dominion where there remains majority opposition to the ousting of the liquor traffic; but its protest to the Dominion government's action, if one is forthcoming, can have no effect. As a matter of fact, we anticipate that the Quebec Legislature will introduce legislation to put an end to the sale of liquor within its jurisdiction. There is no other course open.

Canada has now the distinction of being the first country in the world to make nation-wide prohibition effective during the war. Russia and France only adopted partial measures. In Great Britain the sale of intoxicating liquors has been restricted. The United States has yet to pass a nation-wide prohibitory law. In all other countries the restrictions on the sale have been mainly those due to the economic pressure of the time. Canada is making new records these days. She has just given the world a striking exhibition of her inflexible determination to stay in the war until victory is won. On top of this has come the abolition of the liquor traffic within her bounds. The new Union government bids fair to make history. At all events it shows excellent promise at the commencement of its career.—Cononist.

PAYING A NATIONAL DEBT

A large body of public opinion in Great Britain is demanding that the war debt be paid off immediately at the close of the struggle by a levy on capital. Their proposal is that every man worth more than a certain amount be compelled to contribute 25 per cent of his wealth. Apparently they are under the impression that by this process the country could discharge its obligations and be able to go ahead again as if nothing had happened. It sounds alluring, but is it feasible?

Suppose, for instance, the share required of a particular individual is engaged in business : : : : were a hundred thousand dollars. He is engaged in a business. His capital consists of buildings, machinery, stock in trade, and an overdraft at the bank. How will he raise the money to pay his proportion of the national debt?

And when the process had been completed, what would it amount to? The only difference would be that the carrying charges would be doubled. Instead of paying one dollar taxes, he would be paying two dollars instead. Obviously, the scheme is entirely illusory. The people, in their collective capacity, would owe just as much as ever. There doesn't really seem to be any way to pay a debt, except to save the money to do it with. Taxation heavy enough to induce strict individual economy, but not heavy enough to hamper the investment of capital in profitable enterprises, seems to be the only solution of the financial problem with which all the nations will be confronted.—Sun.

UNION GOVERNMENT NOT FOR CHINESE LABOR

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—A report from Vancouver that the head tax is to be raised on 30,000 Chinese coming to British Columbia is given official denial here. No such action has been taken by the government or discussed by the cabinet up to the present time, it is asserted. The report is probably due to the circumstance that a considerable number of Chinamen are now enroute to the Pacific Coast, who after residing in Canada for a while returned home for a visit and were detained there because of lack of shipping facilities. They were unable to secure passage back to Canada because the steamers sailing from the Orient were fully occupied in carrying war supplies. Recently the steamship companies made special arrangements to bring them back. As they are all Chinamen who have paid their head tax there will be no question about their readmission into the country.

It is understood that during recent months considerable pressure has been brought upon the Dominion government to allow the importation of Chinese labor both for industrial purposes and farm work. Proposals have been submitted for the cultivation of large areas of western land provided a supply of Oriental labor was made available. These proposals, have not, however, received the favorable consideration of the government.



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