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The Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

Mr. Blake's Speech.
Sir John A. Macdonald moved, that the following paragraph of His Excellency's speech of the opening of this Session, be read at the table, that is to say—

"I am advised that the judgment of the Privy Council, delivered last June, on the appeal of Russell vs. The Queen, goes to show, that in order to prevent the unrestricted sale of intoxicating liquors, and for that purpose to regulate the granting of shop, saloon and tavern licenses, legislation by the Dominion Parliament will be necessary. Your earnest consideration of this important subject is desired."

Mr. Blake. I am sure the hon. gentleman's own supporters must have been disappointed that, in introducing a proposal of this description, unopposed, so far as I know in our own legislation, and almost without precedent in the legislative and Parliamentary conduct of the affairs of the country from which we draw our supplies, the hon. gentleman should have proposed, first of all, that the House should decide upon the appointment of a select committee without any word of explanation whatever. That we should have actually asked the House to vote the appointment of a Select Committee without offering any word of explanation whatever, must have astonished the members; but our surprise was diminished when we found, upon the challenge being extended to him for his explanation, that there was so little explanation to be given. We understand now why the hon. gentleman proposed that the motion should be adopted *in absentia*. For his reason, when he is to give a reason, is a reason which I think is of no force or validity whatever, even in considering its positive proposals, if we do not consider for a moment the inconveniences which are to result from the adoption of the proposition. The hon. gentleman tells us that the laws of the Provinces vary upon this subject, and that he knows that, and he knows it, not merely does he know that they vary, but he knows what they are, and the Government know what they are. This is a Government formed from most of the Provinces at all events. It has machinery ample for acquiring the knowledge which it may not itself possess. The Statute-books of the Provinces are to be found in the Library and in the Departments. There are several lawyers in the Administration. There is the Minister of Justice in the Senate, there is the right hon. gentleman himself, there is also the Minister of Public Works, and the Minister of Militia, and one or two others, I think, who belong to the same profession, so legal advice is not altogether absent from the Cabinet itself. Nor are there absent other means of obtaining information. This is a Government of commissions. They wanted information about the factories and they sent Mr. Black and Mr. Lusk to inspect the domestic factories and to report on the same. They wanted information about the Pacific Railway, and they issued a commission on an officer, and when the officer died they issued a fresh commission, and it is sitting yet. They wanted a consolidation of the Statutes, and they appointed Mr. Cook, a commissioner to execute the work of consolidation. This is a Government which acts freely and liberally, without thought or hesitation in obtaining information, and does not hesitate to use machinery or inquiry in the way of commission. So that if it were necessary, as the paragraph from the speech intimates it is, that there should be legislation in this Dominion, in the Session of this Parliament upon this subject, there was no need of the Cabinet, composed as I say it is, by members from most of the Provinces, men with legal knowledge, able to acquire information of what the Statute laws of the other Provinces are; and by having the machinery at its disposal, if indeed it required a commissioner to collect the laws of the different Provinces, I say to suggest this course, at this stage of this Session, necessary to be adopted in order to carry out the intention made in the speech from the Throne is to state a proposition which requires very much more than the hon. gentleman has said in support of it, by an intelligent House of Commons. Now, the paragraph of the speech declares that His Excellency has been advised, and it is known that is by hon. gentlemen opposite:

"That the judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, delivered last June, on the appeal of Russell vs. The Queen, goes to show, that in order to prevent the unrestricted sale of intoxicating liquors, and for that purpose to regulate the granting of shop, saloon and tavern licenses, legislation by the Dominion Parliament will be necessary."

The attention of the hon. the First Minister was early directed to this important state of circumstances, as some concede it to be, and to this happy result, as others concede it to be. It is long while, he says, since he held that opinion. And the particular decision referred to in the speech from the Throne took place as long ago as last June. From that period, at least, the attention of the Government was directed to the subject of legislation. They were all subject in other matters just then, and I do not call on them to state why they were not engaged in calling the laws of the different Provinces, as the case is well known to themselves. But after the 23rd June, hon. gentlemen were at their ease. It was competent for them to address themselves to business—their duties necessary to provide for the legislation which, by the decision in "Russell and the Queen," and by the verdict of the people—it had devolved upon them to prepare for the consideration of Parliament. But it seems they have not done so. It seems that the hon. gentleman now does not know what the hon. the Law of the Provinces are, that he is obliged to say in this sixth week of the Session; that he is not aware what the various laws are which, he says, are necessary to consider in dealing with the subject in respect to which legislation is proposed. It seems that although the hon. gentleman decided legislation was necessary in order to prevent the evil of unrestricted sale of liquor all

over the Dominion, although that was the inevitable conclusion of the decision in Russell and the Queen arrived at last June, the first step has not been taken by the Government responsible for the legislation consequent on that decision, as they say, to inform themselves of what are the fundamental propositions on which the measure is to be based. The hon. gentleman says the first thing to be done is to find out what the laws of the other Provinces are; and he admits that the Government have not been able to find out. They say, our present resources, our own sources of knowledge, our facilities for acquiring information, have failed us. We have not thought fit to obtain information from outside. We have not called on the Local Governments, on commissioners, or on our officers; and although we stand pledged to introduce a License Law, we have waited until Parliament has been six weeks in session before we propose that—on what is to be the heart of the business of the session—a Select Committee forthwith, drawn from all the Provinces, do enter in an enquiry, and if legislation is to be perfected this Session, the enquiry must be completed with great rapidity, in order to inform us as to that question on which during six or nine months the Government were utterly unable to take the first step in acquiring information. If the Government believed, as of course they believed, that legislation was rendered necessary, absolutely inevitable; if they believed, as of course they believed, that the duty of initiative legislation in that regard devolved upon them, I say they conceal themselves of flagrant neglect of duty in not having taken those precautions to inform themselves of what the laws and customs of the Provinces are, which they say it is necessary to know in order to form the basis of this legislation which hon. gentleman says is so necessary and important. They tell us that legislation is necessary; and yet here we have hon. gentlemen more than five weeks waiting for this legislation, and we learn to-day that the first step has yet to be taken, the very first species of information of law and in fact has yet to be obtained, that we are to be called upon to assist the Administration in informing them as to what are the laws of the different Provinces upon which they say, to some extent, at all events, they are to be based. But, sir, when he says that, for these reasons, he proposes as his course, to refer this measure, this question, to a select committee to report his bill, or otherwise to report upon necessary legislation, a committee is therefore created upon the theory that legislation by this Parliament is necessary; and if created upon that theory, it is necessary to discharge the duty of framing that legislation; therefore, according to that point of view, a Committee is thought proper, by the hon. gentleman, to be authorized to report a Bill, or resolutions on which a Bill may be founded, for the regulation of a question of trade, or to make a report, which should be the basis of legislation in the opinion of the Committee. I say the hon. gentleman now says: "Let us remit this question to this Committee so chosen," and he has said, in the speech from the Throne; and in the debate on the Address, that this matter was forced on the attention of the hon. gentleman, that they have not undertaken it voluntarily, and that they reluctantly took up this question only of necessity; that they did not wish to interfere in the Provincial laws; but were forced to take up the duty of proposing legislation on this subject. Such, however, was not always the language of the hon. gentleman on this topic; and such was not the language which he used in a speech delivered in Ontario on the subject of the License Law; and this, before a decision was reached in the case of Russell vs. The Queen, and before the necessity—in so far as a necessity was created by that decision—had arisen. In a speech delivered before the judgment was announced in Russell vs. The Queen, he said, "I have given up the idea of a Bill which would restore to the municipalities the power taken away from them by the License Act (Cheers)."

These were patriotic words, and they were received with that approbation and enthusiasm which some hon. gentlemen seem disposed to endorse, by repetition at this hour. The policy of the convention was properly heralded in a resolution which explained the views of the Conservative party, with the hon. gentleman's assent, for we are told that all the resolutions were unanimously passed, as I believe, on these occasions, resolutions always are. We read the next day what the policy of the Conservative party was on this question. It was as follows:—"Resolved that the present system of issuing tavern and shop licenses through Government officials having been instituted and systematically used for the purpose of rendering those engaged in the liquor traffic subservient to the Administration of the day, it is the opinion of this convention that without interfering with the laws regulating the liquor traffic and limiting the number of licenses that may be issued, the power of issuing licenses and the fees derived therefrom should be restored to the municipalities."

Once again, Sir, the hon. gentleman was successful, as so often before, in impressing upon the minds, conscience and will of his party, the exact view which he took of public offering. As he put it on the 3rd of June last, he said that his intentions were to restore to the municipalities the power of issuing licenses; so, on the 4th September last, the Conservative party of Ontario, under his guidance, declared that their policy was to restore to the municipalities the power of issuing licenses; but, as I have said, there was no word at that time of Dominion interference for that purpose. It would not do then; it would not be right to have pointed it out at that time. Russell vs. The Queen had been decided. It had got over here. The hon. gentleman was possessed of it. He thought that—unless he has changed his opinion since, for he thinks now—that then, at any rate, it had been proved that the Local Legislature had no power to deal with the matter at all. He thought then—or, at any rate, he thinks now—that under that decision, here and here only, legislation was to be had. He thought—as is shown by the speech from the Throne, and by his utterances at the time in June—that he was prepared to legislate here, but he did not say so. It would not do, and Mr. Meredith was put to the forefront of the battle to declare what the Conservative party of Ontario would do in this regard, and they agreed to do just what the hon. gentleman designed—restore the power of issuing licenses to the municipalities. But they affirmed implicitly, if not expressly—yes, expressly in Mr. Meredith's speech—that that was to be done at Toronto for the Province of Ontario, and not in Ottawa, for the whole Dominion. Now, why, as the hon. gentleman on the 4th of September thought that the Local Legislature had no power to do with this, could not deal with it, that their License Law which transferred the power to Boards of Commissioners was *pro tanto* void, why did he not say so?—why did he not tell the people of Ontario, gathering his forces together, that he was for the impending conflict, that he was about to remove the question from their jurisdiction? Why did he not tell the Conservative convention that he was going to do this thing? Why did he allow his deputy to announce that he would do this, and that, and the other thing, if he succeeded at the Elections, when he thought he could do nothing at all? Why, Sir, the Conservative party of Ontario was called upon to undergo sufficient humiliation without that. They were called upon at that convention to abandon the territorial rights of their Province; they were called upon to abandon the legislative rights of their Province; they were called upon to give up the Boundary Award; they were called upon to give up the question of disallowance; and the hon. gentleman did not choose to ask them at the same time to swallow another abnegation of Provincial rights. He allowed this matter to dangle before the people of Ontario as a toy, which he was about to remove from them at the proper season—the power of dealing with the license question—this great bar to Provincial rights. He allowed his party to say that their leader in the Local Legislature would legislate in a particular direction, because it did not do at the same moment to say: "I have given up the Boundary Award; I have given up the question of disallowance; I have given up the question of the Boundary Award; I have given up another sacrifice to ask of your patriotism and your party allegiance, and that is, that you should give up the power of your Province to interfere with the regulation of licenses for taverns, shops and saloons." So the hon. gentleman's friends were allowed to make these statements, proceeding chronologically, we arrive next at the hon. gentleman himself, in his capacity, not as leader of the party marshalling his forces at Toronto for a Provincial contest, but in his capacity as First Minister of the Dominion. He had excited, by these statements of his in June, the hopes of the licensed victuallers, and they sent a deputation down here to interview him. I moved early in the Session for the papers, but they have not been laid on the table, so far as I have been able to learn. We do not know all that passed on that occasion, and perhaps we shall not know all that passed even when the papers come down; but we have some account of what passed in a statement made by the deputation in a letter published in the newspapers, which was signed by Messrs. Cosgrave, Hodge, O'Keefe, Mitchell, and O'Shaunnessy—

"The objects of the deputation were to ascertain from Sir John Macdonald whether it was the intention of the Dominion Government to take into its hands the regulation of the license laws, and if in so doing it was the intention to do away with the market political character of the existing Crook's Act. In answer to the above, Sir John stated that it was the intention of the Government to take the matter into its hands, as the decision of the Privy Council in regard to the Scott Act; and that, in the framing of the measure it was the intention to make it strictly non-political."

Well, sir, they called upon him; they engaged him—he had announced he

was going to do it. They did not apparently entirely trust that the measure would be passed—I am sure I do not know why—but perhaps they recollected that it was made before the elections, and that everything said before the elections might not perhaps be realized exactly to the letter, and circumstances change of course; but whatever the reason, they felt it necessary to reinforce themselves with reference to his statement of June, so they called upon him in October and asked him whether he was going to take the matter into his own hands. He said: "We are going to take this into our hands, and we are going to frame a measure." Well, where is the measure? We have not got the basis of a measure; we have not even got the materials which the hon. gentleman says are necessary even to form a judgment of what the measure should be; he has not got them himself. Yet he tells these gentlemen that the Government have decided to take the matter into their own hands and frame a measure, and he tells them something about the character of the measure. It seems further, from the correspondence which has appeared on the subject, that the victuallers were requested to put on paper their views as to what the measure should be, and that these views were to be laid before the Privy Council. Have we got their views? Perhaps we shall have them presented; but there again it is obvious that the hon. gentleman was taking steps to frame his measure for he was obtaining information from one set of persons deeply interested in it, and he asks them they will lay before the Privy Council what their views are. They propose to do so, and I presume they did so accordingly. That was not all. Naturally enough the Temperance Alliance were a little aroused, and they also approached the hon. gentleman. He answered them on the 14th November, saying:

"Nor does the Dominion Government intend to make any attempt to relax the present restrictions on the sale of liquors in any Province in the Dominion." We thus get a step further. The hon. gentleman knew by this time that the regulations differ in the different Provinces, and he had decided that he would not make any attempt to relax any of the restrictions in force in any one Province—not as he says to-day, that we should make a measure which, giving a little here and taking a little there, accommodating itself one way and accommodating itself the other way, and will be pretty nearly right all over—but he had decided not to make any attempt to relax any of the restrictions which are in force in any of the Provinces. So we see that he was attempting to form his measure, and he had a portion of the basis laid down in his mind at any rate. He was able to tell the victuallers that he was going to frame it, and that it would be a measure, and he was able to tell the temperance men that he was going to frame it, and that he would not widen any of the restrictions existing in any of the Provinces. Then came the turn of the Local Conservative party, and they brought forward a resolution on this subject in the Local Legislature; and they proposed, on the 24th of January, this resolution, as expressive of their policy under the hon. gentleman's old guidance, if not his then present guidance:

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