

MR. ROWELL AGAIN INVITES PREMIER TO JOIN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE OPEN BAR

Hanna, for Government, Says Ontario Does Not Want Them Abolished.

Liberal Leader Makes an Eloquent Plea for the Temperance Cause.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, March 5.—In a characteristically earnest and masterful speech in the Legislature this afternoon Mr. N. W. Rowell, K. C., again invited the Government to join with the Liberal party in wiping out the curse of the open bar in Ontario. The galleries were thronged and hundreds were turned away. The Liberal leader was followed by Hon. W. J. Hanna, who contended that the people did not want the bars abolished. "The Government has gone as far as the public interest demands," asserted Hon. Mr. Hanna, Dr. James (North West) and Mr. McKeown (Dufferin) continued the discussion until recess.

Mr. Rowell Cheered.
"This is the second time I have had the honor of presenting the Liberal policy with regard to the liquor traffic," began Mr. Rowell, who was loudly cheered on rising. "I submit that the whole problem of how best to deal with the liquor business is one of the most important before this House. Legislative records of all civilized countries show that all of them have endeavored to do something to curb the traffic."

Proceeding, the Liberal leader showed that Sir James Whitney had not kept pace with public sentiment in regard to the problem, and quoted eminent British scientists as to the evil effects of indulgence in alcohol. Referring to the fight in Ontario, Mr. Rowell said much progress had been made in limiting the area within which liquor had unrestricted sale. Out of 325 municipalities in the Province 502 were subject to prohibition laws, 123 were able to sell liquor by reason of the three-fifths clause alone, while 333 municipalities had liquor premises. "There are 1,095,562 people in the 'dry' municipalities, and 314,460 in the municipalities which have given straight majorities for local option," said Mr. Rowell, "making a total of 1,409,960 people who are in favor of local option. In the municipalities that are not under local option as yet, there are 1,121,312 people. In other words, there is a majority of 252,000 people in local option municipalities, and those which have given straight majorities for local option, as against those where local option does not exist."

"What a strong body of public sentiment has registered itself in favor of curbing the liquor traffic," exclaimed the Liberal leader amid loud applause from his followers.

Local Option Not Enough.
Continuing, Mr. Rowell held that both parties in Ontario recognized that local option was not equal to the task of curbing the liquor traffic. "This House is a unit," he expressed in opinion that further legislation is needed. "It was a widely recognized fact, the speaker observed, that the bar is the stronghold of the liquor traffic, and that among the evils that mark the evils that are hurting this Province. The Liberal method was to abolish the bar, asserted the Opposition leader, amid applause. "The Government's proposal is to abolish treating," he continued. "Our method is the same today as it was a year ago. I wonder if the Government would like to amend its proposal? In any event, I have no doubt many of the members of the Government are in favor of the abolition of the bar, and if they were free to vote as they would like, would vote for its abolition. Party exigencies, however, prevent them from doing as they would like to do." (Applause.)

One for Whitney.
Proceeding, Mr. Rowell reminded the House that many resolutions had been adopted by various bodies in favor of the abolition of the bar. Whereat the Prime Minister smiled. "It may be a laughing matter," he said, "but I, too, am a friend of the bar," he said, "but I think those men who are striving to do fellow-men a

good turn are at least entitled to a hearing."

"If my honorable friend will wait a minute I will frown," commented Sir James.

"I venture to say my honorable friend has frowned many times inwardly since I commenced this afternoon," retorted Mr. Rowell amid loud laughter and applause.

For the reminder of the afternoon the Premier remained quiet in his seat. The leader of the Opposition went on to show how the Liberal policy has been formulated after conferences with ministers, merchants, manufacturers, employers of labor and workers in the social and moral reform cause. "Nothing short of the complete abolition of the bar will remedy the evils we are fighting," he declared. "But the Government has reached a different decision, and thinks the prohibition of treating is enough," the Liberal leader said.

In conclusion, Mr. Rowell called upon the Government to unite with the Liberal Opposition in "wiping out the curse of the open bar in the Province of Ontario."

Hanna Replies.
"It is unnecessary for me to say one word in this House with regard to the position of the Conservative party," began Hon. Mr. Hanna. "It is unnecessary to repeat what has been said on former occasions both in this House and in various parts of the province. The Provincial Secretary submitted that the Conservative party had given the country assurance that they would in no way relax the restrictions on the sale of liquor. Local option has had, and will continue to have, a place on the statute books of this province," he declared. "That was the position of the Conservative party when in Opposition, and it is the position of the Conservative party today."

The speaker contended there was no justification for the statements made in the resolution submitted by the leader of the Opposition. He denied that the public interest demanded the abolition of the bar, as they had not said so when they went to the polls a short time ago. The Liberal leader himself scarcely knew exactly where he stood himself until a year or so ago. But the people had known where the Conservative party stood and had endorsed that party at the polls.

Referring to the Liberal proposal, Mr. Hanna said his honorable friend (Mr. Rowell) had left nothing to the Government but the shops. He characterized as incorrect the statement that the Whitney government had legalized the sale of liquor in Ontario, and went on to show that as a result of an English case, Sir Oliver Mowat had introduced an amendment to the license act allowing the sale of liquor in social clubs. The speaker contended there would be overlapping and confusion if the Liberal policy were adopted. One proposal was to wipe out the bar. Local option during the last ten years had been pretty nearly what the people wanted. The time had come when the three-fifths clause required no defending.

Referring to the question of the administration of the liquor law, Mr. Hanna said that not only did the Government give it their personal attention, but the officers of the department thoroughly understood that there was to be no compromise with anyone with regard to the enforcement of the law. (Conservative cheers.)

In amendment to Mr. Rowell's abolition-of-the-bar motion, Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Rowell, moved that this House fully recognize the duty cast

upon it to minimize as far as possible the evil effects of the drink habit by wise restrictions upon the traffic in intoxicating liquors. They also recognized that great good had resulted from the adoption and operation of local option under the provisions of provincial legislation in that behalf by which in localities adopting it the sale of intoxicating liquors both in bars and shops was abolished.

The amendment further expressed the opinion that to forbid the sale of such liquors in bars, while permitting such sale in shops would be disastrous in the extreme and would increase the evils resulting from the traffic and the habit, and the House should reaffirm its belief as to the evil effects of the treating habit, "which should be put an end to, if possible, by means of legislation or by any other satisfactory action."

Mr. T. Herb. Lennox moved to add to the amendment the following: "That the House desires to put on record its appreciation of the good work done by the present Government during the past eight years by the faithful and non-partisan administration of the liquor license law, and this House deprecates attempts that have been made, and are being made by interested persons to bring what has been called the temperance question into the arena of party politics."

Temperance Progress.
Mr. R. J. McCormick (West Lambton) said he thought the time had come when the Province should make advance in the direction of temperance reform, as well as in other directions. The very progress made by local option in recent years was the strongest indication of the need for more advanced temperance legislation. It was no argument to say that the late Government had not done enough for temperance; for his own part he would admit it. But it was surprising to see the position taken by the honorable member for West Lambton (Mr. Hanna) in view of the recent local option contest in Sarnia. Coincident with the demand for the abolition of bar there had come a call from all over the Province for men who would support the cause of temperance and carry its advocacy from day to day into the councils of the nation.

Mr. McCormick repudiated a statement published in the London Free Press that the Liberal party would have to dispense with its present leader. "What has the Free Press to do with Mr. Rowell," he declared amid applause. "We are proud of Mr. Rowell, and believe he is right, and the courage to stand for his convictions."

Mr. Wm. McDonald (Centre Bruce) agreed with Mr. McCormick that it would be a nice thing if the temperance question could be taken out of politics, but as long as politics was the science of government so hope could be entertained that the administration of the liquor traffic could be divorced from politics. For himself, he had been a temperance advocate all his life, and as proprietor of a newspaper had consistently advocated prohibition and local option.

Once local option was established, continued Mr. McDonald, the very security provided by the three-fifths clause was its weakness. The tendency was to induce the temperance forces to lay down their arms and rest. This disintegration of fighting organization was not good, and if local option was maintained and held by a majority vote it would make for more effective propaganda work. He was not prepared to answer for the sins of the late Government, and declared that it would have been wise for Sir George Ross to have nailed his colors to the mast of prohibition, and gone down to defeat in that cause.

STUDENTS LET LOOSE SNUFF AND ROUT SUFFRAGETTES

Chairs Were Smashed and Bruises and Black Eyes Galore in Scrimmage at "Votes For Women" Meeting—Mrs. Pankhurst Breaks Down.

London, March 5.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the leader of the suffragettes, has broken down completely. She has cancelled all her engagements, and has gone to the country for rest. This announcement was made at a suffragette meeting at Hamstead tonight, where Mrs. Pankhurst was scheduled to speak. "General" Mrs. Flora Drummond took her place. Mrs. Drummond, no sooner began talking than a group of students let loose quantities of snuff, starting everybody to sneezing. A lively scrimmage ensued between the attendants and the disturbers. Chairs were broken, blows were exchanged, and black eyes and bruises galore. Hon. John Burns spoke tonight at a meeting at Islington. While guards were ejecting two male supporters of the suffragettes Mr. Burns said that such disturbances were the result of the "stunt" the newspapers had published. Later in the speech he said: "The press of the country is imitating the American newspaper, which has so lied against public men, so slandered them, that few decent men are willing to go into public life in America. If the present campaign of calumny continues this country will end in civic neglect and corruption, for it will reject the public men of the future, kindly and respectable men who formerly served their fellow citizens."

Germany and France Adding to Armies
Military Bills Will Increase the Peace Footing in Both Countries.
[Canadian Press.]
Cologne, Germany, March 5.—The new German military bill will add \$4,000 recruits to the annual contingent called up for service in the army, according to the well-informed Volks Zeitung. The total strength of the peace footing of the army will thus be increased by 158,000 men, bringing it up to 366,000, excluding officers.

The German war office today sent telegraphic orders for the commencement of construction of new barracks along the frontiers, showing that the military authorities are certain of the passage of the bill through the Imperial Parliament.

France Strengthening.
Paris, March 5.—The French cabinet has accepted the decision of the supreme council of war, which pronounced yesterday in favor of a three years' term of service in all branches of the army instead of two years as hitherto, and the bill will be submitted to the Chamber of Deputies tomorrow.

The measure will add 210,000 men at the lowest estimate to the peace footing of the army, which at present stands at 578,783, excluding officers. The vast military preparations being made by Germany are given as the compelling reason for this step of the French Government.

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