



# Prohibition in Canada An Open Letter to the People of Canada 

HIS STATEMENT is being published in the Daily Papers in every Province of Canada in order to call attention to the following facts:

First fact: Every Province in Canada now has a Temperance Law in force with the exception of Quebec. On May first, 1919, the Quebec Temperance Law will come into force.<br>Second fact: The Dominion Government passed Legislation under the power granted in "The War Measures Act," which prohibited for the period of the war and twelve months thereafter, Importation, Manufacture and Interprovincial Shipment of liquor for drinking purposes. This Legislation is necessary to make effective that of the Provinces.<br>Third fact: The people of Canada want this Legislation continued in effect until

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| opportunity to vote on the question of making it permanent. |
| on which aims to discredit the Prehing propaganda now being carried |
| drinking for the personal profit of the Liquows and restore liquor- |

Fifth fact: | The requisite number of State Legislatures in the United States having |
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| adopted the Prohibition Amendment, Canada must act in harmony |
| with it or become the dumping ground for liquor and its unfortunate |
| victims |

## Who Want

 Prohibition?Ask-

1. The Business men and Industrial leaders whom
2. The working men and working women whom
you know.
3. The Mothers, Wives and Children whom you
know.
know. The Soldier Citizens of Canada whom you know. 5. The farmers whom you know.

## We know that

1. Every Church and Religious Denomination in Canada has pronounced in favor of Protibitio
through its Executive Boards and Church Leaders. ${ }_{2}$ Practically all School-teachers, Doctors, Public Health Officers, City Relief Officers and
in Canada are in favor of Prohibition.
2. The Provincial Governments, the Courts and the Police have learned that Prohibition reduces-crime
and disorder and promotes Peace and Prosperity.

Some Significant Contrasts
The Liquor People are looking for immense profits.
WE HAVE NO SELFISH INTEREST TOSERVE. The liquor Interests hide behind indefinite names and work by underground methods.
WE SIGN OUR OWN STATEMENTS AND
WORK IN THE OPEN.

They hope to win by a Lobby. DECIDE.

They are reactionaries
WE ARE IN THE PATHS OF
HUMAN PROGRESS They are circulating throughou the country a prescription for influ
enza, that is purported to enza, that is purported to come Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. Here is what Dr. C. ${ }^{!}$H. Mayo "The prescription which is alleged to have been written by us is a fake. Alcohol or whiskey
have no place in the treatment have no place
of influenza.",

## Temperance Platform

The Dominion Prohibition Committee are asking:

1. That the Prime Minister and
Government of Canada be requested Government of Canada be requested
to take the steps necessary to continue to take the seps necessary to continue Councll of March 11th, 1918, (P.C. 589 ) by having the same embodied in Legls-
lation to be enacted by the Parliament of Canada.
2. That the legislation so enacted
be continued in effect until such time as a vote of the electors of the
Dominion of Canada shall have been taken on the question of its continuance or dis-continuance.
3. That the vote on this question be taken at a date to be fixed by the
Government of Canada at least six Government of Canada at least six
months prior to the day of voting and with due respect to the restoration to
civil life in Canada of the Canadian civil life in Canada of the Canadian soldiers now overseas.

## Platform of the

 Liquor PeopleThe Distillers say
We do not want the Bar back but we want the
Interprovincial Traffic restored. The Brewoers say
We want the percentage of alcohol in Beer in-
creased from $21 / 2 \%$ to $5 \%$ or $6 \%$ or even $10 \%$. The old time Hotel Keeper says:
We cannot run a Hotel without a Bar and if we
cannot sell whiskey, we must at least have a "Beer
Methods of the Liquor People

1. They have already sent men and literature over-
seas in the vain hope of prejudicing many of the Canadian Soldiers.
2. They are behind a propaganda in the ranks of
Labor that seeks to show that Prohibition is opposed by working people. This is a slander o
3. There are appearing letters signed "Wounded Soldier" or "Returned Soldier" or "Church Worker"
or "LLver of Liberty" or "Soldier's Wife" or "Ofict Widow" or other camouflage names. In some case such letters are made up and soldiers or others are asked to sign-sometimes for a consideration 4. False stories of suffering for lack of liquor for
the sick are circulated although the Law provides
fully for Doctors' prescriptions.

## What You Can Do to Help the Cause

The Dominion Parliament must consider the question of Temperance Legislation in
some form at the next session. We are asking Parliament to embody in an Act, the Provisome form at the next session. We are asking Parliament to embody in an Act, the Provi-
sions of Orders-in-Council now in force with suitable provision for its submission to the people.
As a Citizen of Canada write to your Member of Parliament urging his active co
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way and send your letter to your Member's home address as soon as you read this Statement abers of Parlizment and Nationa Policies are infuenced by Public Opinion. Your Mction will be one of the ways of indicating what the people think.
We desire to warn our friends against any weakening of resolution at this critical moment. The liquor interests are at work in every Province trying to give the impression that there is a general dissdrisfaction with existing laws and are using what is done in one Province to
foment unrest in the others. Don't let the enemies of Prohibition do all the agitating. If any information comes to your notice the the Central Committee should have, write at
once to D. B. Harkness, General Secretary, 905 Kent Bldg., Toronto.
5. Efforts are being made to
discredit Administrators of the discredit Administrators of the
Liquor Laws and even Members of Governments who are known to be 6. The Liquor cause is being upheld by insidious advertisements, news despatch
picture films.
7. Drafts of bills acceptable to the Liquor Interests are being urged 8. The Liquor Interests are work parties, and by underground method parties, and by underground methods, any public man who is an outspoken dence of this and prevent the success of their schemes.

## The Dominion Prohibition Committee

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