

## POINTED COMMENT

## License Reduction as Viewed by Citizens

 in the Business and Professional Life of Toronto.Prof, Wm. Clark, late of Trinity College: have done my best to consider the effect of the proposed change in licensing, and am satisied
that it would not be for the public good. (s) Unfair to Out Off Hotels.

Mr. Noel Marshall, president of the Standard unfair to cut off 40 hotels without compensatin the men so deprived of their livelihood. If such action were taken he would be willing to stand his
share towards reimbursing share towards reimbursing the men whose
censes were thus cut off. Personally, he thought the situation as at present was satisfactory. These Men Have Rights. Mr. . J. McCabe, of the Surrogate Court,
Osgoode Hall, and a late license commissioner
was of the oninio thet was of the opinion that a reduction of the num-
ber of licenses in Toronto would not decrease drinking; he felt, indeed, that the tendency might be all the other way. If the bars were concentrat-
ed, men who came down town for drink would ed, men who came down town for drink would
probably meet friends and have two or three where, under existing conditions, one would sut
fice. There had been a marked improvement in the character and equipment of hotels in this city during the past few years, and it would be $\overline{\text { unfair }}$
to break faith with the license holders. These men have some rights.

The Crucial Issue is Adequate Inspection Mr. H. D. Warren, president of the Gutta
Percha Rubber Company, in voicing his views re specting license reduction, declared that it was a pity that men who were not extremists could
never have this question of the abuse of liouor presented to them in a manner in which they could give expression to their opinions, by their
votes. So-called temperance reformers always had a faculty of beclouding the real point with of an adequate system of inspection that would ensure that all liquors sold were absolutely free from adulterants. This was his way of thinking phase of the matter phase of the matter was lost sight of in the nu-
merous side issues introduced from time to time. Plainly the present agitation for license reduction was a side issue, and as little worthy of con-
sideration as a campaign along the line, whether gin mills should be painted yellow or green. In Germany there was a very rigid system of inspec-
tion, and it was stipulated that all beers stould be, if he remembered correctly, 99 per cent. pure.
The penalties were so severe that there never was any adulleration. If a brew was not up to the standard it was thrown into the gutter. For
his part, Mr. Warren would like to see all the side issues dropped and the whole question dealt with in a rational manner. Laws and inspection to ensure that a man who was under the influence of
liquor should not be served, and that adulteration was not resorted to, would be of real value to the city. The number of licenses. granted did not seriously enter into the question, the crucial point
being inspection to ensure a high standard of
purity
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## No Advantage to Toronto

Mr. D. McCall, president of the D. McCall umber licenses would only result in the creat ing of a monopoly, without any resulting advan
tage to Toronto.

No Good Results from License Reduction. Mr. Watson TT. Bradshaw, president of John
Kay and Son, felt that in the matter of temper-
ance Toronto would compare favorably with any city of similar size on this eontinent. He felt thy
no good results would flow and that it was the height of wisdom to leave well

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