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WILL MANITOBA BE DRY.

The province of Manitoba now has an effective prohibition law among its statutes says the Toronto World, and it becomes merely a question of enforcing the law.

If it is possible to enforce prohibition at all, we imagine it will be in such an isolated district as Manitoba. A majority of the people there are undoubtedly in favor of prohibition, and prohibition will soon be placed on trial in the Prairie Province.

That prohibition will prohibit, or that it will stand the test of time and experience, we do not for one moment believe. In prohibiting the use of wine, beer and such like beverages, the temperance people are violating a law that is of higher sanction than the judgment of a Privy Council, or the statute of a provincial legislature.

The law of personal liberty is world wide and of divine sanction, and men will refuse to recognize the puny efforts fanatical enthusiasts to strangle it. It can't be done. Prohibition may not be ultra vires provincial legislatures, but it is ultra vires common sense and the experience of the world.

Our local prohibitionists are just as much deluded on the subject of liquor drinking as they were on the question of Sunday cars. They contended it was a sin to use the cars on Sunday. They have been effectually cured of that fallacy.

But they still labor under the delusion that the consumption of liquor can be prevented by legal enactment. They will be finally disillusioned of this idea also, but it may take time, and during the interim the country may be upset and a large amount of energy that might be used for better purposes will be wasted.

If we are to have a prohibition fight, we trust it will be short, sharp and decisive. The sooner the agony is over the better. Canada has just entered upon an era of unprecedented prosperity. The people have all they can do to keep up with the increasing business of the country, and it is regrettable that this illogical movement should have struck us at a time when we have so much profitable work to engage our attention.

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schools close until after the Christmas holidays. They argue that owing to the small pox scare, there has been less than half an average attendance for the past month at the schools, and that the school work done during that time will have to be gone over again when there is an average attendance, and therefore on that ground the school time is being wasted.

Baden-Powell's Force. The Pall Mall Gazette contains the following reference to Baden Powell's Constabulary. As the Constabulary has a large number of Canadians in the ranks the remarks will be read with keen satisfaction:

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"The General has considerable fondness for his men and is anxious to be with them again. It was he who drafted the terms of service, which are extremely liberal. They enable a man to go out and see a good deal of the country while receiving pay equivalent to that of the first class tradesman at home, and if he marries he is given 3s. per day extra."

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