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PROHIBITION IN CANADA.

This is the statement of an enemy of prohibition—the Wine and Spirit *Gazette*:

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In every part of the Dominion there are extensive areas under prohibition. In Nova Scotia licenses are granted in only two out of eighteen counties. Prince Edward Island has no licenses, and in New Brunswick there is prohibition in nine counties out of fourteen. In Quebec, outside of the large cities, 604 municipalities out of 933 have total prohibition. The greater part of Manitoba is under prohibition. In Ontario the licenses have been reduced from 6,185 in 1874 to less than 3,000 in 1903. Toronto, in 1874, with a population of 60,000, had 503 licenses, and now, with 225,000 of population, has only 209 licenses.

CANADIAN LEGISLATION.

Looking over the record of the House of Commons of Canada during the season just closed, we fail to see (unless it be the single exception which restores to provinces a right to control the running of railways wholly within any province on the Lord's Day) that any legislation has been passed which would indicate that this is a Christian land, that our legislators are Christian men, or represent Christian electors. Materialism is triumphant, and commanding. The safeguarding of manhood is relegated to the limbo of things indifferent, and unworthy of serious consideration. Surely the moral force of our country needs an arousement which will assert the incomparable supremacy of men over things, or our country will suffer the fate of all nations whose career has been dominated by the money power.

"Voices are crying from the dust of Tyre,
From Karnak and the stones of Babylon,
We raised our pillars upon self-desire,
And perished from the large gaze of the sun.

"A bittern cries where once Queen Dido laughed,
A thistle nods where once the Forum poured,
A lizard lifts and listens on a shaft,
Where once the Coliseum reared."

Why have Tyre and Phœnicia, Assyria, and other nations of antiquity, gone down? Because to be carnally minded is death. All the material issues that are before us, vast, imperial and commanding as some of them are, cannot give perpetuity to a nation's life. We cannot "out of fear and craft and avarice rear a state; out of dust building what is more than dust." Canada must shake herself free from the despotism of materialism if she is to live a noble national life and attain to truest success and highest prosperity.

The burden falls back upon the shoulders of individual electors who must demand representation of their highest convictions in the halls of Parliament, if we are to attain to a Christian civilization.—*Christian Guardian.*

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