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Temperance Column

HITS GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF LIQUOR

To the Editor of the Boston Post:

Sir: Governor Smith's advocacy of government control of the liquor traffic, as exercised in Canada, impelled me to inquire of a friend in Saint John about how things were going under that system in New Brunswick. My friend is a man of large experience, of culture and of sense, and I rely on his report implicitly. For the benefit of your readers, I append his letter to me.

FREDERICK L. ANDERSON:

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St. John, N. B., Sept. 21, 1928

Dear Mr. Anderson: Regarding your first question as to Prohibition vs. Government Control in New Brunswick:

From my own personal observation I have no hesitation in saying that conditions in this Province under government control are infinitely worse than they were under prohibition with all the lax enforcement we had of that law. That statement is backed up by the testimony of men who are in a better position than I to know of conditions. For instance: Yesterday I talked with the sheriff of St. John and he said in response to my question: "We have three times as many prisoners in jail since government control came in as we had during the days of prohibition. And that means that the cost of maintenance of the jail is about three times as great as during those days." Further he said: "There have been more cases of family quarrels in the police court since the introduction of government control than I had seen in 10 years previously." And government control has been in force only one year. Then referring to a certain street in the city the sheriff said: "I have never at any time before seen so much drunkenness on that street as during the past few months."

A prominent grocer tells of a man whose family was not very well provided for during the days of the old license system as the man was addicted to drink. Under prohibition that man went straight, provided well for his family, and paid his grocery bill promptly every week. The first week under government control the wife of that man had to go to the grocer and ask for credit and the condition of that family has steadily grown worse. That is only one of many such cases that have come under personal observation.

The leading druggist of the city told me a few weeks ago of a man who during the days of prohibition never touched liquor, but, said he, "A few days ago I saw him on the street beastly drunk."

I talked this week with the Mayor of Fredericton. It is in that city that the Provincial University is located. The university is surrounded by a grove of trees through which there is a path that affords a short cut for the students on their way from their homes in the city to their classes. He told me that the wife of the Chancellor of the University said to him a few days ago that during prohibition days girl students never hesitated to take the short cut. Today, she says, they would not dare to take it. And the reason given is that drinking and drunkenness have become so prevalent that it is absolutely unsafe for them to go that way. Further the

Mayor said: "Conditions in our city are much worse today than they were under prohibition."

The editor of a religious weekly said to me this week:

"I have been travelling somewhat extensively over the Province during the past few months and I have reached the conclusion that New Brunswick is rapidly becoming rum soaked."

Employees of labor tell the same story. Many of them are experiencing more and more trouble with their men on account of liquor. Bootlegging still flourishes, and the spirit and even the letter of the law is being violated, even in the government stores. The government is in the business for profit and the larger the sales the greater the profit. The present law, as I see it, is economically unsound and morally bad.

Regarding your second question, I may say that the government gets the great bulk of its stock outside the Province. It buys very largely in England and Scotland. It also buys in upper Canada. So far as I am aware the only thing it buys in the Province is a little beer.

I am aware that I have very imperfectly answered your questions, but I have tried to give you a few facts that can be vouched for. I trust that they may be of some use.

Sincerely yours,

P. in Boston Post.

FRUITS OF RELIGION

Warning against false prophets coming to us with righteous pretensions Jesus said: "By their fruits ye shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" The fruits of righteousness are the proof of a righteous life. Paul says: "The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. "The fruits of the flesh are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like." Love is the crowning excellence among all of God's gifts. God says, "I will circumcise thy heart and the heart of thy seed to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and soul and strength and mind." Paul prayed that the Ephesian Church might "know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge." Love is the Morning Star among all of God's star-like gifts to us. A desire for this crowning gift inspired Charles Wesley's song prayer for

A heart in every thought renewed

And full of love divine;

Perfect and right and pure and good,

A copy, Lord, of Thine.

Thy nature gracious Lord impart;

Come quickly from above;

Write Thy new name upon my heart,

Thy new best name of Love."

John says: "He that loveth not knoweth not God: for God is love. Satan is using his utmost endeavour to supplant love in the heart, home and church. Is there a praying soul? If possible Satan will make it prayerless and loveless. Is there an interceding, prayerful, united church blessing others? The devil will go as a roaring lion," as "an angel of light" or any other way that will

make the Church loveless, prayerless and useless. Is there a holy home? Satan will especially attack it, for the church receives its members from the home. Intending home makers stand at wedlock's gate vowing "to love and cherish." Satan often succeeds in supplanting love with insatiable lust, making a righteous home and family impossible; and creates divorce in the heart if not in court. Flesh triumphing over spirit is the greatest evil everywhere. Our hesitancy to speak of the destruction wrought at the basis of life has, to a great extent left the field to a generation of evil story tellers who turn the most sacred offices of life into the sensual and carnal... and make the enshrining of a soul in God's way a basis for the vulgar and low. Thus vileness is insinuated, yea carried into life at its basis. Malachi says: "Let no man behave treacherously against the wife of his youth." Peter says: "Dearly beloved, as strangers and pilgrims abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul," Love exalts, love ennobles; love soars into the presence of God on prayerful wings for increase in love and power—that it may not be sullied by earthly contacts; that life may be a heaven of love. O God, keep Thine own heart, homes and Church in our evil day. Amen!

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ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR THE CAUSE OF HOLINESS

Scarcely two years ago a little company of believers, who loved the Bible and the Way of Holiness, commenced cottage prayer meetings in the City of Toronto, Ontario. These meetings were held independent of any existing denomination or organization. God blessed the effort, the company grew larger, and on March 13, 1927, their pastor preached to them for the first time. The Sunday services were held in a school house. The work was organized, some property acquired, and in the month of September, 1927, this work was duly recognized and incorporated as the Evangelical Holiness Church. Now **friends may antlyse or foes may scandalize** the name and find out just what this group of followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene, stand for. Hallelujah!

And the end is not yet. Praise the Lord! In February, 1928, we purchased and took possession of a church in one of the greatest residential districts in this city. The seating capacity of the building is estimated to be approximately one thousand. From the time of our taking possession till about the first of this month we struggled to secure a proper and good deed for the property. Much prayer was offered, various rumours were circulated, the **saints held on to God in prayer** and in His own good time we were favoured with the deed and the same is now registered in our name. As you read these lines let everyone who knows God, "Praise Him from whom all blessings flow" and pray for the furtherance of this work in Jesus' name. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah has conquered and we are minded to press the battle to the gates.

When in this city visit this humble house of God, 186 Cowan Ave. If you have friends in this city write them and encourage them to attend this centre for Bible Holiness. When talking to our Father ask His blessing on our labours of love here—for the salvation of souls. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Amen.

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