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The Old Ship of State is Drifting While the Captain is Temporarily Absent from His Post—All Regret Illness of Sir Robert Borden—Colleagues Fear His Resignation Would Result in the Loss of Office.

(Toronto Globe.)

Sir Robert Borden manifestly desires to retire from the Premiership. He states that medical advisers of the highest eminence have advised him "that the condition of his health absolutely forbids him to continue at present the discharge of his official duties, and that continuance therein would inevitably result in a serious and permanent impairment of his health and

eventually in complete incapacity for further work."

In the face of this professional opinion Sir Robert's colleagues have requested that he retain the Premiership "while absenting himself for a considerable period from his post," and have done so "with such force and unanimity that he finds himself unable to disregard them."

Once more, therefore, at a time when many problems of the greatest importance press for solution the Premiership of Canada is vacated temporarily the captain leaves the bridge and the course to be set for the ship of State is to be decided by a committee representing the crew, because the remaining ship's officers cannot agree among themselves as to who shall take the captain's place and exercise his authority. The people whose servants captain and crew are viewing the proceedings at Ottawa with amazement and alarm. They are not forgetful of the services of Sir Robert Borden. All good citizens no matter of what party they may be, will learn with regret that the health of the Premier has broken down in the performance of the duties that have been laid upon him. There is a very general expression of hope that he will fully recover his health and that the years to come will see him robust, happy and usefully employed.

But Sir Robert Borden does not require to retain the Premiership for any personal reason. His private fortune is sufficient for his needs. The honors and dignities that attend upon the office have long been his. His retention of the leadership of his party and of the Government may be to the advantage of his colleagues, but it is assuredly neither to his own advantage nor that of the people of Canada. There have been periods in the past when inaction resulting from Sir Robert's absence in Europe on affairs of State or to the south of the border in search of health has been detrimental to the public interest. On this occasion we are confronted with an indefinite absence which may end, as Sir Robert states, in a decision to retire rather than resume his official duties.

The infirmity of purpose which has been one of the most serious weaknesses of Sir Robert Borden as a political leader is once more exhibited in the device of a semi-vacant Premiership. The members of the Unionist

BOOZE MEN
IN MONTREAL
REJOICING

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The twelve legal vendors of spirituous liquors in Montreal are in a melancholy frame of mind. Apparently they are the only section of the population who will not gain by the repeal of the War Measures order-in-council. The vendors' rights will remain as before, but with the opening of inter-provincial traffic in liquor, their trade will cut a sorry figure in competition with the widened powers of the importers.

The importers, after the New Year, can sell just as many bottles as are ordered to any man who likes to say that he is buying them for a friend in Ontario. They are under no obligation to ship the order to Ontario themselves, and only need the verbal assurance that it is bought for an Ontario customer. On the other hand, the vendor can sell only one bottle at a time and that only upon the presentation of a medical prescription. It would, therefore, appear that the vendors are to have the short end of the stick, for when a liquor loving individual wants a supply he will find it infinitely more simple to tell the importer glibly of his "dry" friend in Ontario, than to bother with the formality, slight though it may be, of procuring a prescription. Besides he is not limited in the amount he may purchase for his Ontario friend, and the law condemns the vendors to sell only a bottle at a time.

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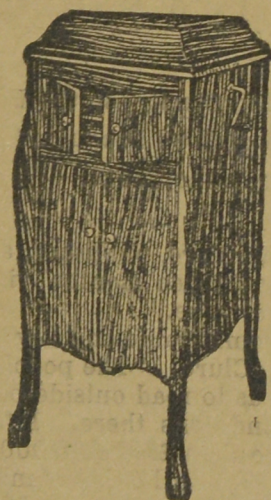
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