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PLAYING WITH IT.

An interview with Premier Roblin, of Manitoba, published in a Toronto Conservative newspaper on the question of the prohibitory law conveys the impression that that gentleman is not very much concerned regarding the enforcement of the law, which was pledged and introduced by Hugh John Macdonald as a vote catcher in the prairie province.

A prohibitory law, not enforced would do an infinite amount of damage to temperance, and that is the prospect in Manitoba. Read Premier Roblin's flippant observations on the subject:

The World inquired of Mr. Roblin concerning the prohibition dilemma, but he was singularly reticent.

"We have nothing to say," was Mr. Roblin's statement.

"You were quoted in an interview before you left Winnipeg as stating that the government would be compelled to carry out the provisions of the law, if the act is not repealed," the reporter said.

The World was unsuccessful in getting the Premier to state his position on prohibition. "I have not bothered myself about it," he said. "No one takes any interest in the question. Is there any interest shown down here?"

The World suggested it was a live question just now.

"It was not the act of the present government," the Premier ventured to say.

Here Hon. Mr. Campbell put in:

"There were only two or three speeches made in the Legislature on the bill. Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, who introduced it, spoke, and Mr. Greenway said something. There was no division."

"But you were in the House when the act was passed?"

"Yes," was Mr. Roblin's reply, "but I did not take any part in the discussion. There was no interest shown in the bill."

"But was not prohibition the main plank in the platform of Mr. Macdonald?" he was asked.

"No."

Mr. Roblin insisted that he and his colleagues had other matters of more importance under discussion, and that they were not worrying much about prohibition; that the question of a referendum had not been thought of, and that the act of Hon. Hugh John Macdonald was not the act of the present cabinet.

"Can't tell when it will be enforced; they might have it in force when we get back," said Mr. Roblin, jocularly. "It is the law; what is there to say about it?" he added.

Reading between the lines of this interview, it is not difficult to discover that the Manitoba government is quite indifferent as to the fate of the prohibitory law. It suited the Conservatives as a means of gaining power, and they have no further use for it.

It is a pity the city council did not take advantage of the opportunity it had of filling the vacancy in the local board of health with a medical gentleman. The Herald has no objection at all to Mr. Farrell, who is an excellent appointment, familiar with the duties of the board, having given good service several years as inspector, but in these days of smallpox scares, it is particularly desirable that one of the city physicians should be a member of the board. Perhaps one of the lay gentlemen would be willing to resign to make way for a doctor.

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Canadians are pained to hear of the serious illness of Lord Strathcona in his home at London. His trouble seems to have developed from a cold, and showed itself soon after his arrival from Canada. It is to be sincerely hoped that Canada's "grand old man" may be spared many more years of service for his adopted country.

There are now fourteen vacant seats in the House of Commons, representing every province but Nova Scotia, which however is short one senator.

Senator Templeman is mentioned as a probable candidate for the vacancy in Victoria B. C. caused by the unseating of Col. Prior M. P. who was one of Sir Chas. Tupper's ministers. Col. Prior's majority in the last general election was 215, and it is said that the Senator will probably be able to redeem the constituency.

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Looks as if Col Evans will take all his principal officers from the wild and woolly west. He is said to have already selected three of his staff from that district. Possibly the colonel has forgotten that there are quite a number of competent officers east of Lake Superior.

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The Herald is running an industry that gives employment to many hands and is distributing weekly a large amount of money in wages to its employees, but we are not asking from the city council free water rates and tax exemption.

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Col. Sam Hoghee, M. P., denies that he applied for the command of the new Canadian contingent and declares that nothing short of a brigade would suit him. Why not call Kitchener home and send Col. Sam out to fill the vacancy.

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The aldermen were too slow in making provision for snow plowing. The sidewalks are blocked with snow today, and the contract for the work of clearing them has not yet been let, and only one of the two new plows is available.

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The alacrity with which Conservatives apply to the Liberal government for office, is evidence that they think the powers that be have bad memories. It will not be surprising if Mr. Pinder puts in a claim for the governorship.

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Ald Moore is considerable of a joker, and he seems to have sprung something in that line on the city council last night. The tax exemption business has already been overdone.

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It took the city council until eleven o'clock last night to transact the little business that came before it. The civic elections are approaching, and the aldermen are expending a great deal of wind.

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The smallpox epidemic is spreading in St. John, and is a serious menace to the city's business.

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The Telegraph charges the St. John board of health with "gross incompetency."

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British Columbians are agitating for the establishment of a provincial university.

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Even the doctors seem to have a banking for public office.

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BROCKWAY.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)
Dec. 2.—The weather has been decidedly winterish of late, but this a. m. threatens the loss of snow by rain.

Robert Young is unable to do much work on account of a sore hand.

Mr and Mrs James Vail are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter in their home on the 18th.

Solomon Vail is able to work again after being laid up a few weeks with a cut foot.

John Brockway spent a few days in St. Stephen, last week.

Wellington Davis' health is improving to the delight of his friends and relatives. The home of Mr and Mrs A H Libbey was gladdened by the arrival of a young son on the 29th.

John Treenan and Thomas Love were in Brockway a few days recently.

Mrs Solomon Vail and Mrs Wm Roddock called on friends in Upper Brockway one day last week.

Nen St Clair and Dallis Davis each had good luck hunting last week. The former secured two deer and the latter one.

Mrs Ernest Smith is visiting friends and relatives in St Stephen and Milltown.

The State of Maine has attempted, by a stringent law to prevent shooting accidents during the deer season. Heavy penalties are provided for any person who shoots another in the woods by mistake for a deer, partridge or squirrel. The usual alarming number of accidents have occurred, but there has been no prosecution. Drastic penalties for foolishness will never be enforced, but a law prohibiting a man convicted of reckless shooting from afterwards carrying firearms might be effective.

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GOVERNMENT MEETING.

Principal Mullin Granted Leave of Absence For One Year

TO ENABLE HIM TO ACCEPT A POSITION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A Sackville School Matter Stood Over Until Next Session.

The Lieutenant Governor and all the members of the local government are in the city with the exception of Chief Commissioner LaBilloy, who is detained at home by illness.

A meeting of the Board of Education, presided over by the Lieutenant Governor, was held this morning. Considerable routine business was transacted, and an application from Principal Mullin of the Normal School, for one year's leave of absence, in case he should decide to accept a position offered him in South Africa, was dealt with. The Board decided to grant the request, the leave of absence to date from some time during the month of February next. The principal has not definitely decided to accept the position, but, is understood to be giving the matter very earnest consideration.

A B C pp, M P P, of Sackville, appeared before the Board on behalf of certain ratepayers of the parish of Sackville who had a school district divided. As the other side of the question was not represented, it was agreed to let the matter stand over until the January meeting of the Board.

The local government is in session this afternoon.

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