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THE ONTARIO REFERENDUM.

Considerable interest is being taken in the vote on prohibition which is to be taken in Ontario Dec. 4, but in many parts of the province it is said the contest is regarded with indifference. The object of the vote is to instruct the government and legislature on the prohibition question, and if it is favorable to prohibition the government has pledged itself to pass a prohibitory law.

Both parties are evidently pretty well organized for the struggle, and the following outline will give our readers a fair idea of how the campaign is proceeding:

At the headquarters of the Prohibitionists in Toronto, Mr. F. S. Spence, well known in Fredericton, has a large staff employed, and he says it is work from early morning till 10, 11, and sometimes 12, at night. Exclusive of the instructions to workers, forms, etc., no less than 7,680,000 pages of literature have been issued. The temperance workers have been thoroughly organized in about four-fifths of the province, and in the remaining one-fifth, through apathy or divisions, the organization has not been so complete.

In the eastern counties, bordering on, or near to, Quebec, the temperance workers are very enthusiastic, but they frankly admit that the French-Canadians are not so unanimous for prohibition as in some other places. A pleasing feature, however, is the hearty support earnest, able priests are giving to the Prohibitionists. Some of the ablest speakers are highly esteemed clergymen of the Church of Rome.

Speaking generally of the outlook, Mr. Spence says the greatest danger to both sides is the indifference of the voters. In the cities of Kingston, Ottawa, London, Guelph, Belleville, Hamilton, Windsor, Chatham and Toronto the indifference so much feared is the most apparent. This indifference on the part of the voters may lead to a falling off in the vote and enable those opposed to prohibition to secure even a majority in these cities.

At the head office of the Ontario License Holders' Association, Toronto, there are not the same bustling signs of activity, as are apparent in the office of Mr. Spence. This, however, by no means implies that little or nothing is being done. Mr. Dickie, secretary of the association, is not inclined to talk, but expressed the hope that the vote cast would be large and decisive one way or the other. It could not be good for the province to have an indefinite vote and leave the unsettling subject before the public for years.

From members of the association it was learned that a good deal of literature has been issued dealing with the prohibition question. One four-page leaflet deals with the failures of the Dunkin act and the Scott act, and claims that the proposed legislation would equally fail and be condemned by public opinion if it ever became law. A summary of the letters written by the late Principal Grant against prohibition is also issued as a four-page leaflet.

The Ontario Farmer, the paper which opposes, root and branch, the policy of the Prohibitionists, is without doubt doing good work for the liquor men. Even the prohibition workers frankly admit that it is providing arguments for those who are unconvinced, and, although the temperance papers try to reply, the Farmer has generally a week's start, and it is thus very difficult to refute. Mr. Spence said The Ontario Farmer was doing the fighting for the liquor men to a very large extent.

SOME OF THE EXCUSES.

A Moncton clergyman in a sermon Sunday, gave some of the excuses men offer for not attending church. How do they fit in this community. Here they are:

1. Because of the inconsistencies of church members.

2. Because the church is too cold—not for the lack of fire but for the want of sympathy—fraternality as is found in social organizations.

3. Some men stay out of church for socialistic reasons. The church does not ally itself with either capital or labor as classes.

4. Some are out because early religious training was neglected.

5. Some stay out because their lives are all wrong. If they came to church they would hear themselves condemned and thus be made uncomfortable. They do not propose to be made uncomfortable if they can help it.

6. Some stay away because they are stingy. They would be asked to pay something towards the support of the institution.

7. Some have their minds poisoned with skepticism and so regard the church as a fraud.

8. Some are too busy.

These are the reasons given by the Moncton preacher, but there are many more:

(a) Work too late Saturday night—rest needed Sunday morning.

(b) Holiday excursion arranged for the country.

(c) Indisposition—sometimes called Sunday fever which disappears when business calls Monday morning.

(d) Sermon too long—music indifferent—probably both ailments of the imagination.

It is the solemn duty of every man who enjoys health and strength to attend church—that is, if he believes in the Creator and that he owes Him homage and thanksgiving. It is a duty that he owes not only to God but to himself, to his family and to society. And yet church going among men is not so general as it was in the days of our fathers—nor indeed as it was twenty or even ten years ago. The more's the pity. If it were not for the women the churches would have small congregations and slimmer support than they have to-day.

Perhaps the clergyman can suggest a remedy.

Vancouver World:—Did any one ever notice how few clever men attend teas and dances? If the practical girl will look about her she will surely find them conspicuously absent. The West is a young man's country and society attracts but few clever men who will devote their time to saying small nothings when they have a future to work out and important things to accomplish in the world. For this reason few men find time for many social affairs. Girls, too, who several years ago were brilliant at social functions, have quietly withdrawn from society, and one can either praise the fair desertions or blame the society men for the exodus. The girls invariably explain that they have found society superficial—that it did not prove worth while, and that they prefer to do the things that count.

A Kansas judge has decided that a man has the right to bury his wife alive. The judgment was given at Emporia where the city asked for and was refused an injunction to prohibit a "professor" giving an exhibition of hypnotism by burying his wife for six days. Whatever the law may declare on the subject, let us hope the practice will not become general.

Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, the eminent Methodist clergyman of England, is dead.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier expects to be back from Virginia before Christmas.

Refused Carnegie's Money.

Halifax, Nov. 18.—At a special meeting of the city council last night, to consider the library site and the offer of \$75,000 from Carnegie, over which there has been so much controversy of late, it was decided by a vote of nine to six not to accept the offer. A motion of stay of proceedings was made in the matter.

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