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Women Are Specially Interested.

Not only are women specially interested in this vote because it is a question which vitally affects the home interests, it involves the return of better times—of better and steadier employment for working men when the vast amount of money now—worse than wasted—on intoxicating liquors will be turned into the channels of legitimate commerce; not only is this involved in this coming vote, but the great question of women suffrage—the right of women to exercise the franchise on all questions affecting her interest enters indirectly but yet largely into this vote. The vote of the women is to be taken on a differently coloured ballot paper, so as to distinguish it from the male vote. A most important purpose, whether intentionally or not, will be served by this. Let it be ascertained that all the women or a large majority of those entitled to vote have voted, and thus in the most practical manner shown their readiness and their ability to use the franchise; and the reform for which they have been so long contending will have gained a standing and position which will bring the day of its final accomplishment near at hand. The area of this vote may be limited by provincial lines; but its influence, if we are successful, will be far and wide reaching. The English-speaking people of this continent and of the mother land as well will be greatly encouraged and strengthened in their fight against this terrible evil. "Now's the day, and now's the hour." Whilst we hesitate the enemy is gaining strength. Fifty years ago, had temperance sentiment been as strong as it is to-day, prohibition would have been a comparatively easy task. Ten years hence, should we fail in our efforts to dislodge the liquor traffic will be vastly more difficult than it is to-day. To-day whatever personal differences or antagonisms, should such unfortunately exist, must be laid aside. He who would foster personal ambitions or endeavor to get or to claim an undue advantage, except in a lawful and loyal rivalry as to who shall accomplish the greatest good, must be marked as no true friend of the cause. Our closing word will be, Agitate, Agitate, Agitate—Organize, Organize, Organize. On election day "poll every vote;" with this for our command and motto: "Advance in solid column, early in the morning."

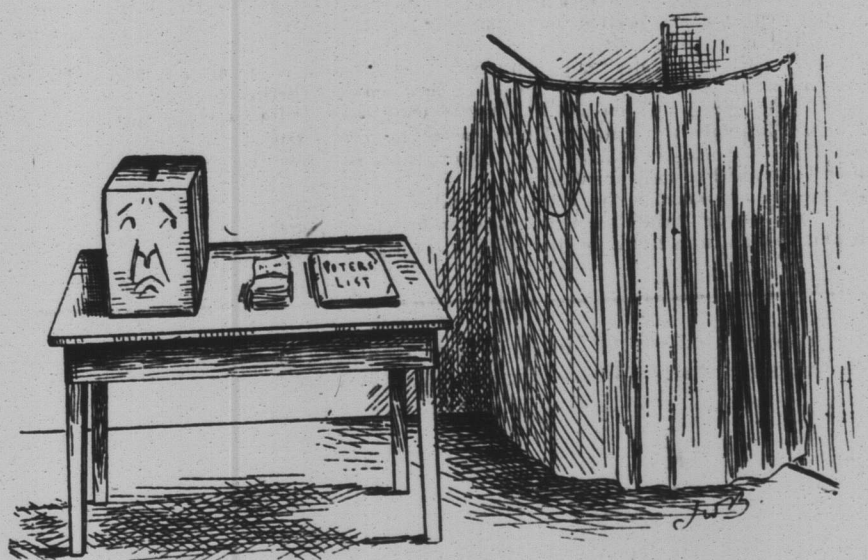


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THE PLEBISCIT AND THE BALLOT.



THE HUNGRY BALLOT-BOX—A FABLE.

A Ballot-Box that sat upon a Table in a Canadian Polling-Booth accosted a Lead Pencil which was tied to a String in the curtained-off corner of the room and complained of being Hungry. "Hungry!" replied the Pencil, "I don't see why you should feel that way. I have been kept busy a'l day marking Ballots, every one of which have, I believe, been stuffed into your greedy maw." "It is true that I have consumed a large number of Ballots, but they have made me sick rather than satisfied my hunger. I have for years been hankering for a feed of Ballots that mean something—that have a moral purpose to them—that express the convictions of the people on some great moral issue of the day, and are calculated to put an end to some great evil. Do you grasp my meaning?" "I think I do," replied the Pencil, "and I can sympathize with you. I must confess that all the marking I have done to-day has been a waste of good lead as far as moral reform is concerned." "Tell me," said the Ballot-Box, "for of course you know—am I not right in supposing that the Temperance Voters, for example, have been marking their Ballots to-day just the same way as the liquor men?" "Just the same," replied the Pencil. "Straight Party criss-crosses—Grit or Tory—Prohibitionists and Saloonists in the same Party-waggon." "I thought so," commented the Ballot-Box. "I noticed the nasty flavor. Is it any wonder I am sick at the stomach?"

MORAL.—A sick ballot-box does not indicate a well community.