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W. C. T. U. A Boy on Prohibition. I am asked to tell this meeting what we boys think about a prohibition law for Canada. Well we go in for it of course. Why shouldn't we? Ain't they always putting prohibitory laws on us boys, and nobody ever asks us what we think about it? We can't ride a "bike" as we want to, or go swimming, or skating, or coasting, or snowballing, or anything, without danger of running up against a prohibitory law.

W. C. T. U. A Boy on Prohibition. Now, there is a steep hill or the main street of our village, and last winter there was a heavy rain storm, and then a freeze and that hill was like glass; and didn't we boys have a jolly time coasting down that hill until Billy Smith ran into an old woman and scattered her two baskets of eggs all over the hill. Billy didn't mean to do it, but he was just coasting when she got in his way. He holloed, "but before he could hold on to an egg went into his mouth and another hit the left eye. Now, the old lady, wasn't much hurt, and 'we boys chipped in and bought her some more eggs—didn't better than the ones she lost. Billy said so and he ought to know.

W. C. T. U. A Boy on Prohibition. Well, the very next day there was a sign put up, and it said, "Any boy found coasting on this hill will be sent to the lock-up." Now, only a week before, Tom Guzzie brought a load of wood to town, and then drank it up at the saloon. At the top of the hill and, mad with drink, drove his team head-down the hill, tore away a veranda, smashed a plate glass window, and nearly killed a man who tried to stop him. He was fined for "disturbing the saloon." Then because a hater of the town burned last Queen's Birthday, didn't the council pass a law that no crackers or fireworks should be set off on any street of the village. Now, I'd like to know how boys are going to show their loyalty if they can't let off their crackers and make a racket on Queen's Birthday and First of July?

W. C. T. U. A Boy on Prohibition. Now, they never proved that the hater was burned by his crackers; but we all know that there was a big fight at that saloon on Dominion Day, and one man had his ear bit off. And didn't "Flare Up" get drunk at that saloon and then go and set fire to his shop, and it was burned up, and himself, too? But they didn't prohibit the saloon! Then, didn't they prohibit swimming in the mill pond 'cause we didn't have our clothes on? And who wants to be all flocked up when they go swimming? And I know lots of boys and girls that ain't got hardly any clothes to wear, and what they have is all patched up 'cause their fathers drink up all their money at that saloon. And the saloon got prohibited, too.

W. C. T. U. A Boy on Prohibition. Then, just because Tom Scarborough over a baby carriage that had twins in it and tumbled it over, didn't the council the very next week prohibit anybody riding a wheel on the sidewalk? Now, Tom didn't do it on purpose. The carriage was run right in front of his wheel and he took an awful tumble trying not to do it. Age the babies wasn't hurt, much, 'cause they were fat and the mud was real soft. Only they couldn't tell 'em from the other till they were washed.

W. C. T. U. A Boy on Prohibition. Now, only last year a man left his team in front of the saloon while he went in to drink, and didn't they get up a row in the bar and frightened the horses so they ran away and smashed a buggy and one of the ladies in the buggy was so badly hurt that she died. But the saloon goes on all the same.

W. C. T. U. A Boy on Prohibition. Then, didn't they prohibit snowballing on the street? And I'd like to know when they would have found the body of old Sam 'Loser if it hadn't been one of his boys sicking out of a drift when we were building a snow fort? But the council wouldn't have drunk him prohibited 'y'.

W. C. T. U. A Boy on Prohibition. Of course, if it's right to prohibit bad things, it can't be right to license what makes all the badness. And we boys say it ain't fair to prohibit fighting and swearing and lots of other things, while you license the stuff that makes men do 'em. So, of course, we boys and you ought to have a prohibitory law for Canada now and forever.

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