

Action Free Press.

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What A Vote May Do.

Have you a vote? If so, who gave it to you and to whom are you responsible for the use you make of it? The greatest question before our country to-day is, "Shall the liquor traffic be protected and perpetuated or destroyed?" The question of the settlement of the Boundary Award, or the disallowance of the Stevens Bill was of small importance compared with the settlement of the momentous issues involved in the liquor traffic.

What is your position towards this question? For or against—why? "Why do we ask you," do you say? Because you are the proper one to ask; you are a voter, so are we. By our votes this liquor curse lives and spreads itself everywhere. It could not exist for one hour but for these. They give it a legal right to be here, and clothe it with all the respectability it possesses. By our votes we have put it upon the throne where it now sits, and have given it the stability of a rock. By our votes it reigns and conquers. Do you know we are partners in the business and share in the responsibility for its crimes? We are responsible for the opening or shutting of the drink shops. "How is that?" you say. Because the liquor traffic is protected by law, and our votes say who shall make the laws, and approve or disapprove of them after they are made. If we vote for license we vote to make it morally certain that thousands of our fellow-citizens will die drunkards every year. We vote for a traffic that makes 75 criminals out of every 100 that are sent to our jails and prisons; that produces three-fourths of all the crime in our land. We vote to make thousands of wives widows and tens of thousands of children orphans and paupers. Why should we do this? Do we hate our kind that we should seek to perpetuate a business that ruins multitudes of them? God forbid! With license we are helpless to protect the weak against the strong. With the Scott Act you punish the man who sells another liquor; you make the liquor traffic an outlaw, and all who sell are violators of the law and criminals.

Prohibition will, without a doubt, de-throne the liquor traffic from its place of power as a party weapon in politics; and brand its use as a crime against social life. Are you not your brother's keeper? Let us then shut up the door of this great temptation that lies open at his feet, thereby lessening the probability of his utter ruin and protect his wife and family from cruelty and hunger. It is time as electors that we spoke out upon this subject—that we freed ourselves from complicity in this traffic by saying no license shall be given with our consent. Shall we do it? Let reason, judgment and conscience answer, and so far as your vote and ours will go the wrong to license shall be righted and the right shall be sustained. Vote as you pray.

No Repeal for Halton.

Fellow-electors of Halton! The Scott Act has never yet been repealed in any county in the Dominion. Will Halton be the first? Do not stain our noble record but vote and work that on the evening of the 9th of the word "Victory" will be read in bright letters than ever before. Vote against the petition. The following item clipped from the *M. T. Tribune*, is recommended to the voters of Halton at the present time:

"Any minor evils which this gigantic one continues to hamper the nation's advance at every step; while this vast drain continues to carry off a capital one year's wise application of which would solve every social problem that perplexes us? It is the one overwhelming evil whose existence of necessity prevents the success of reform efforts in all other directions. If religious progress is discussed, the fact remains that the saloons empty the churches. Wherever we turn we encounter this subtle and sinister agency. But sooner or later it will be necessary for the intelligent and progressive elements of society to drop all lesser enterprises and combine in one determined assault upon that vice which is to-day the heaviest clog upon progress, and the deepest disgrace of the nineteenth century."

This is one grand opportunity. Let us improve it. Let us put our foot upon this subtle and sinister agency of so much evil, and effectually crush it for ever, by voting against the petition to repeal the Scott Act.

Notes and Comments.

The Scott Act does not protect wrong, but prohibits it. It does not license crime, but punishes it.

The Scott Act takes national approval from the liquor traffic and stamps it with national condemnation. This takes away its respectability and stamps it with disgrace.

William McCraney, M.P. for this county says: "The Scott Act works well in Halton. It has not injured business. Drinking has been greatly reduced. The law is well administered and respected."

The legalization of a traffic which thrives only on the poverty, degradation, misery and the disgrace of men makes the law a teacher of vice and makes the government responsible for such murderous business.

Innocent, and helpless women and children are asking the electors of Halton for protection against the liquor traffic. Will those electors shut their ears to that cry and vote for the traffic to go on? Not Emphatically, No!

If the Scott Act is repealed in Halton every elector who votes for its repeal will be personally responsible for all the poverty, crime, insanity, suicide and premature death resulting from the traffic. Are you ready to bear the responsibility?

How To Mark Your Ballot.

It is very necessary that the electors of this county make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the form of the ballot to be used in the election for the repeal of the Scott Act on Tuesday, 9th September. The electors must understand that it is not "For" or "Against" the Scott Act they are voting, but "For" or "Against" the petition for the repeal of the Scott Act. The ballot prepared for this occasion is exceedingly plain and simple in nature and no voter should make any mistake in marking it. However, to make the matter clear to all we give herewith the form of the ballot to be used:—

1884.
Voting on the petition to the Governor-General for the repealing of the order in Council dated 21st June 1882, bringing into force the second part of the "Canada Temperance Act, 1878."

For the Petition. _____
Against the Petition. **X**

Every voter who desires to vote against the repeal, and consequently in support of the Scott Act—which all good men should do—must mark his ballot with a cross in the lower space, as we have done in the ballot above shown.

In the first election on this question the form of ballot used was the same as the one prepared for use on this occasion, but those who wished to vote in favor of the Scott Act then placed the cross in the upper space, because the petition at that time was for the introduction of the Act, while in this election it is for its repeal.

Mark your ballot in the lower space and you do your duty in assisting to retain the Scott Act, and at the same time relieve yourself of the responsibility of the baneful results of a licensed whiskey traffic.

Less Crime Under Scott Act.

The last four months of Scott Act compared with the last four months of License.—From May 1st, 1884, to August 30, 1884: Last four months of License, there was a total of 15 committals to jail. Of these there were for vagrancy 2, insanity 2, leaving 11 for all other offences.

From May 1, 1884, to August 1, 1884, last four months of Scott Act, there was a total committals for all offences of 7. Of these there were for vagrancy 2, insanity 2, leaving 3 for all other offences. A difference between License and Scott Act of 8. Who says the Scott Act does not lessen crime? Let every voter on the 9th of September vote against the traffic, and so vote down a trade that makes crime.

Sustain The Scott Act.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

Dear Sir.—In a few days the people of Halton will have an opportunity to record their votes for or against the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act; and thus show their approval or condemnation of the law. But I cannot for a moment suppose that the people who have had a trial of the Scott Act—even if it has been only for two years—have not felt the benefits themselves, and seen the good to others, arising from the reformed state of society brought about by its operation, will vote for its repeal now. It is especially difficult for me to see how any professed Christians can place themselves on that side, knowing the character of the party agitating for repeal, and the evils that must visit many families, and in fact the whole community, if the Act is repealed, and still claim to be followers of the meek and lowly Jesus. It is still more difficult to understand how they can claim to be worshipping God in spirit and in truth, and to be working for the good of their fellow-men, when they have a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men? But there are some men, even bearing the Christian name, who, for a few cents more on a bushel of barley or for the sake of getting a lead of money when they will do violence to their conscience, and their calling, and to the teaching of that book which says, "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God." Yes, they will risk the moral, social, temporal, and spiritual welfare of their wives, their sons, their daughters, and of themselves too, for a little more of the mammon of unrighteousness. I have travelled much in some of the other counties of Ontario as well as in Halton, and can appreciate the difference between the places where intoxicating drinks are freely sold and used, and those—such as Halton—where there are prohibited, and I would advise all men of common sense (for others will not be likely to take my advice), to vote against the repeal of the Scott Act in Halton next Tuesday. The liquor business in Ontario has been permitted, fostered, protected, and regulated by license under the authority of parliamentary enactments for nearly a century, and now, when by the same authority, the people of this county, have by their votes, decided that the wretched traffic shall cease, in two years, the law and cry is raised by interested parties, to have the law repealed and the local business again thrust upon the community. But I believe the good people of this model county will sustain the law, and so crush out the monster intemperance. Other counties are waiting for the result of the contest in Halton, and its decision will have a powerful influence in the struggle going on in our Province. So men of Halton, be strong for the right and quit you like men.

Yours sincerely,
W. M. CRANNEY.

Acton, Sept. 2nd, '84.

Some of the electors of Halton will vote at this election for the last time, death spurs no age or rank. The rich go as well as the poor. Dives as well as Lazarus fall. Every elector should ask himself the question—If this should be the last vote I ever shall give, how shall I vote? Will I give it for rum or for Christ? There is no middle ground. "He that is not with me," said Jesus, "is against me."

A Call to Prayer.

Issued by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of the Province of Ontario, in view of the approaching vote on the C. T. Act.

To ALL CHRISTIANS.—Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Our Canadian homes are to-day in danger from the liquor traffic.

Believing that the passage of the Canada Temperance Act would be for the good of the people, we mothers and sisters, wives and daughters, of Ontario, do earnestly request all who believe in God to unite with us in earnest prayer for the adoption of this Act in the different counties where a contest is now in progress.

We name Monday Afternoon, September 8th, as the "Time of Prayer," and urge all our local unions to observe this date, enlisting all pastors and churches to co-operate, so far as possible, with us, and respectfully requesting pastors to preach on this subject on the Sunday preceding or following this day of prayer.

We suggest the following programme.—Monday, Sept. 8th, 2 to 3 p.m.—Subject:—For the leaders in this contest. That they may have the wisdom that cometh from above, and that divine patience and charity may be theirs under all circumstances. 3 to 4 p.m.—For the voters of this county. That they may listen to the voice of right, to the pleadings of innocent helpless ones, to the loud appeals that come from the homes of our land, and resolve to protect these homes by voting for the Canada Temperance Act.

Yours for God and Home, and Native Land,
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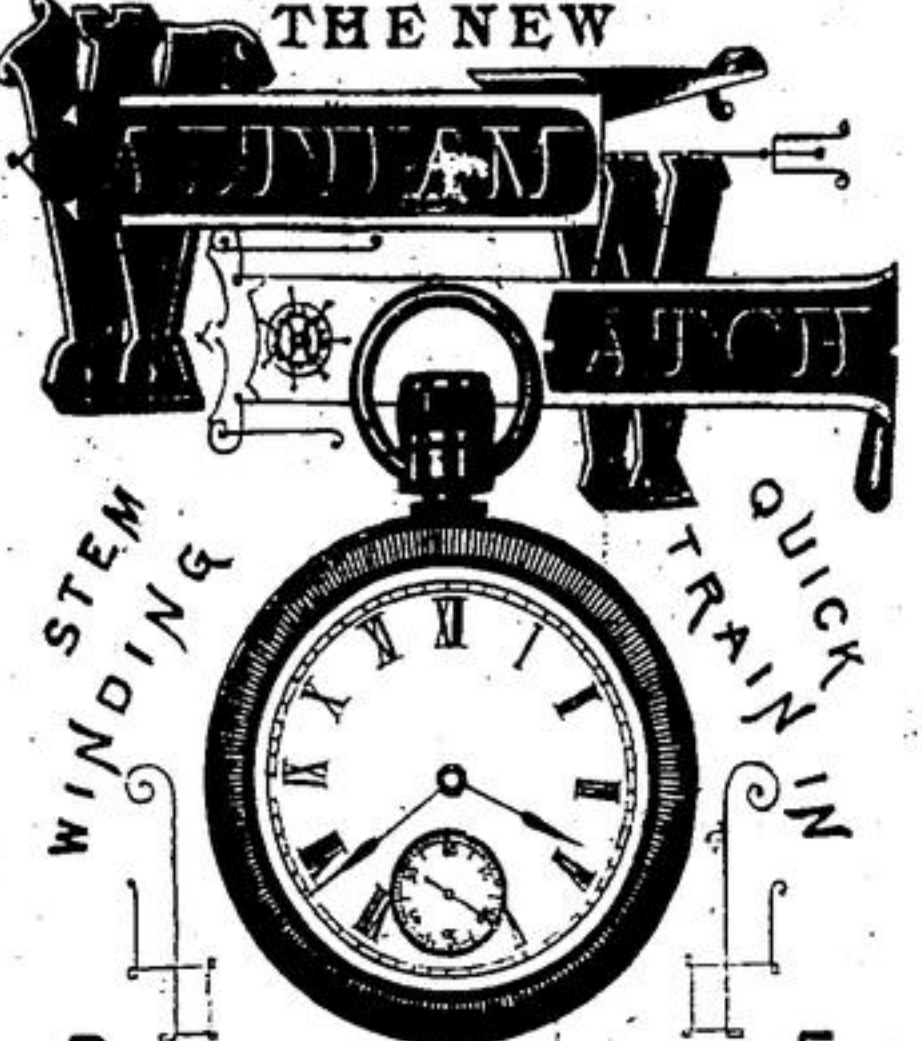
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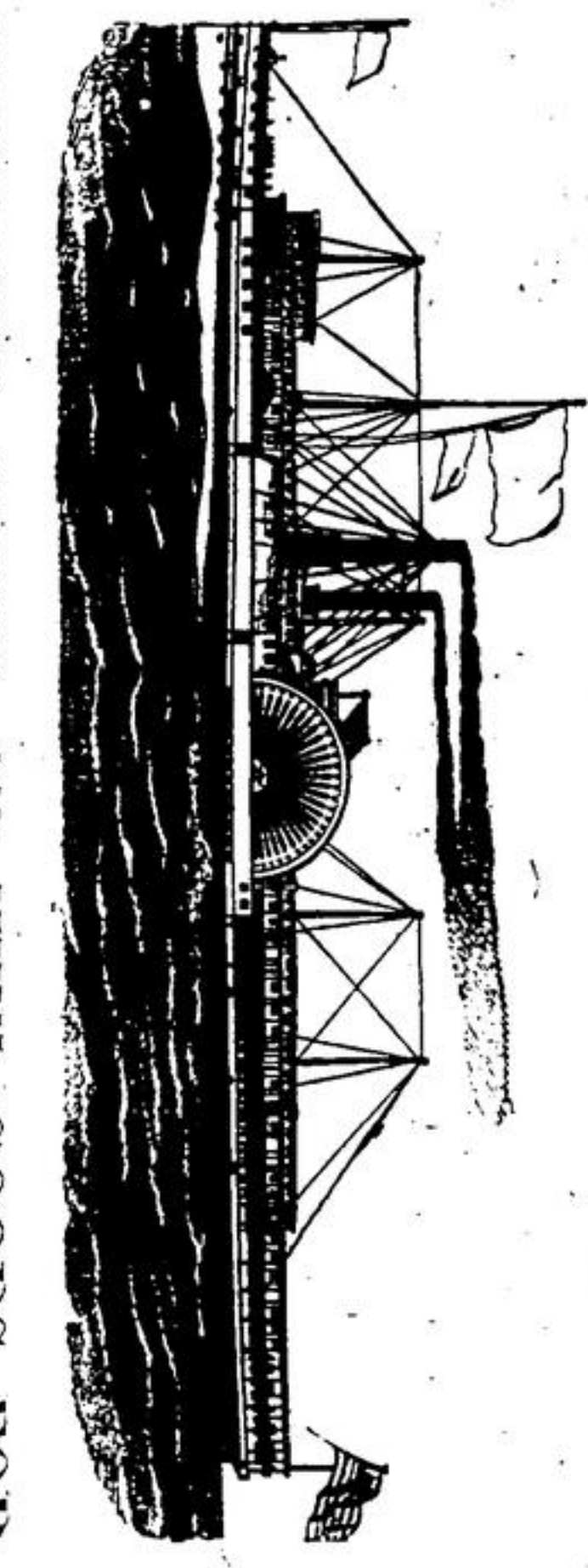
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