

that he was always open to suggestions from the Alliance, and would give their suggestions always careful consideration.

Hon. Mr. Hanna.

The Provincial Secretary congratulated the delegation on the moderation of their speakers. It was in marked contrast to the terms used on some former occasions. (Laughter.) He argued that the result of the operation of the three-fifths clause gave a net gain to the temperance cause. Under the new law Councils could not refuse to submit a by-law when 25 per cent. of the ratepayers asked that it be submitted. Without that clause under the old act many Councils might have declined to submit a by-law. It must be remembered that the forty odd places that had carried the measure

were in a position to take advantage of the three-fifths clause three years hence, as it was now in their favor. He had been asked by a Collingwood gentleman if a Town Council could impose a license so high that it would be prohibitory. It was simply a case, beyond the statutory limitation in rural constituencies of \$200, of submitting a by-law to the people to raise the license to anything the people wished to have it, to reduce the number of licenses, and no one would have the right to question.

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Mr. Marter thanked the Premier for the use of the chamber, to which Mr. Whitney replied with a smile: "It is your building, not ours." The Premier added a cordial invitation to the delegates to come again at any future time. After singing "God Save the King" the delegation dispersed.