

## CAMPAIGN COMMENT

### A Splendid Opportunity.

It requires a three-fifths majority to abolish the bar in a single municipality. But a simple majority vote in the legislature after the 29th would abolish all the bars in the province. Those who are in favor of abolishing both the bars and the three-fifths clause now have their opportunity.

### Will Sweep the Country.

A commercial traveller writing to the press says: Sir James Whitney committed a political tactical blunder in not accepting Mr. Rowell's offer to assist him in carrying a measure abolishing the bars, as from personal contact with all shades of opinion from one end of the province to the other I am satisfied he would have swept the country and gone back with a larger majority than he ever got. But because Whitney missed his chance Rowell will be returned on the 29th, unless every sign fails.

### Who is Responsible For the Bar?

Three classes are cited as jointly responsible for the evils of intemperance: First, the owners and keepers of the licensed bar; second, all who make for the continuance of the traffic by patronizing the open bar; third, those who by their indifference permit the evil to exist or by their vote license the traffic. The Christian church must openly declare herself the enemy of every form of iniquity and injustice, the active partner in every great reform and champion of righteousness in every grade of private and public life.

### Put on the Handicap.

What splendid progress has been made in license reduction through the efforts of the Whitney government, say the upholders of that government.

There might have been had it not put a brake on that progress. During the first two years of its administration there was a reduction of 540 licenses, mainly through local option. But that was going too fast, and at the solicitation of those holding licenses, the three-fifths clause was passed. During the remaining seven years of their administration 699 licenses were cut off, mainly by local option again. There

would have been 408 more cut off had not the three-fifths clause been passed. Dr. Ross voted for the three-fifths clause, and he will not vote for its removal.

### Not the Supreme Issue.

Joseph Mercury.

A pretty good indication of the manner in which the campaign is getting on the nerves of the conservative party can be found in the last final attempt that is being made by no less a person than Hon. Mr. Hanna to throw dust in the eyes of the electors in regard to the temperance issue by claiming that the bi-lingual schools are the chief issue of the present campaign. Mr. Hanna, if by this method you can succeed in turning the people of this province aside from their present objective point, viz., a barless Ontario, you will be worthy of the Carnegie medal, but you can't do it.

If ever there was a more flagrant case of hypocrisy, we would like to hear of it. Within a week of polling Mr. Hanna rises and announces that the bi-lingual school question is the chief issue. Mr. Hanna, if it is, why did your leader, Sir James Whitney, not deal with it in his manifesto to the electors when he dissolved the house and decided to go to the people? Surely if it were the supreme issue, it should have got some mention at least in so important a document.

### Tipping the Scales.

Port Arthur Chronicle.

The majority of electors are always carried along on the tide of their party sympathies or prejudices, but there are amazing currents in this campaign which are sweeping a very large minority from their last party affiliations; and it is this minority which decides elections.

The two parties in this province were much more nearly balanced in the last provincial election than the disparity in the legislature indicated. Under our electoral system a comparatively slight shifting of the popular vote tips the scales. The change of a few thousand votes destroyed the Ross government in 1905, and reduced the liberal representation in the present house to 13, three years ago. The shifting back of a few thousand votes will work havoc with the Whitney government's majority, which is out of proportion to its majority in the

province. And who doubts that the opposition goes into this battle stronger than in 1911?

### Rowell and Club Licenses.

N. W. Rowell, speaking at the nominations at Woodstock, said: "I understand that it's said I am a member of some clubs down in Toronto, and that this is a very serious offence. I am a member of the Ontario Club, which is a club just like the Toronto Club, the National Club and the Albany Club where we can go for luncheon. I go to the Ontario Club for luncheon instead of going to one of the hotels in the city. All these clubs have licenses. When the Toronto Club, the National Club was opposed to it and I gave my voice against it.

"I say to any who are interested in the question: 'Give me your help and your support and I will see that the licenses are cut out of the Ontario Club, which is a club just like other clubs in the province.'

### Signs of a Storm.

Windsor Record.

There are signs of a storm brewing. It may or may not be heavy enough to wreck the government, but surface indications right now is that the people are deeply stirred over the abolition of the bar, an issue that may start a landslide and produce a political upheaval.

This temperance cry has been haunting the politicians on both sides like the wail of a lost soul. They have heard the voice of distress, but all with one accord began to make excuses until Mr. Rowell came along and staked his political life on the issue to abolish the bar.

### JAPAN'S COTTON INDUSTRY.

Spindles in Operation Have Tripled in Three Years.

Baltimore American.

If cotton manufacture is as yet an infant industry in Japan, it is surely a rapidly growing infant. Last year, owing, it is said, to China's increased demand for cotton following the revolution, there was a tremendous

increase. Thus the number of spindles in operation had already arisen from 760,000 in 1897 to more than 2,000,000 in 1911, and more than 400,000 spindles were added in 1912. The industry is about fifty years old: in 1882 there were only 30,000 spindles at work. What this imports as regards America is indicated by The Japan Magazine, from which we take the figures above. It says: "The industry that, more than all others, is bringing Japan more and more into competition with the west, and which has shown the most phenomenal development, is that of cotton spinning. In the Orient, where cotton may be regarded as a staple of dress, this is but natural; but that Japan can import her raw material and place her goods on the home market and even on the markets of India and China as cheaply as the manufacturers of Europe and America, is what gives food for thought."

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There are many things mentioned in the Bible which we are forbidden to do; we shall do no murder, we shall not steal, and so on, but from all these we have the assurance that by thorough repentance and the mercy of God we may be forgiven. How terrible is the sentence pronounced against the drunkards' though—"the drunkard shall not enter the kingdom of heaven." We cannot get any hint to the mercy of God but for the poor sinner who spends his last moments on earth blaspheming his Maker, the future looks gloomy in the extreme.

It seems a pity that the temperance question was brought into politics for it might induce some who seem to place party and politics before everything else to vote against a cause which under other circumstances they would have voted for; but whatever the result of the coming election may be, it is the duty of every Christian man to work on and pray that God will in His own good time, banish from his beautiful earth the two greatest evils—war and intemperance.

### CAN I VOTE FOR THE BAR?

A Question a Christian Has Put to Himself.

Contributed.

Can I vote, next Monday, in favor of the barroom? The Great Teacher said: "He that is not with Me is against Me." Now no intelligent person can say that the barroom is in any sense on the side of Christ. We all know that it is one of the greatest enemies of Christ and His kingdom. This being so, and it cannot be denied, can I as a Christian voter cross over and vote for an institution so destructive to the interests of all that is sacred, pure and good, I certainly cannot and retain my Christian integrity. This is not politics. I am a conservative, but my religious principles will not allow me to vote against abolishing the bar.

### MENAUGHT FAVORS BAR ABOLITION.

Toronto, June 25.—W. K. McNaught, C. M. G., former conservative member for North-east Toronto, who lost the nomination at this election, is another conservative who favors the abolition of the bar. At Markham on Monday at the East York nomination Mr. McNaught said he was in favor of the bar being wiped out. The meeting cheered the statement, and then he qualified it by stating that the hotelkeepers should be compensated for the loss of licenses.

### The Ballot is Secret.

When a heeler makes overtures and intimates that unless you vote for Dr. Ross' job will be in danger of belonging to some one else, you can tell him that the ballot is secret. Vote as you wish.

Strive to become a leader; the supply of followers exceeds the demand.

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