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## DECLARES PROHIBITION IS BASED ON A LIE

An Address Given in Ontario  
Hall by Ernest Heaton,  
Toronto.

"Thousands of people are signing the government control memorial. One hundred thousand copies were asked for, and no matter how the prohibition vote goes, the Citizens' Liberty League will continue to pile up signed memorials until the government tells us to stop and submits the straight question of government control to the people in order that we may bring about sane legislation."

This was the declaration of Ernest Heaton in an address of over one hour before a big audience in Ontario Hall on Thursday evening. Mr. Heaton severely castigated the Ontario Referendum Committee, and those associated with it, for methods of intimidation in attempts to foist upon this country a rule of tyranny by which innocent social customs became crimes based upon a lie. Other speakers were Dr. J. L. Austin, professor of surgery, Queen's University, and Dr. James Cappon, vice-president of the Kingston Citizens' Liberty League for Moderation. The band of the Princess of Wales' Own Regiment was present, and the large audience, which contained a considerable number of women, punctuated the addresses with applause. Many banners greeted the audience, such as "Vote No and Put Down Fascism," "Government Control Gives Equal Right," "Citizens' Liberty League for Moderation," "Prohibition Means Tyranny, Hypocrisy, Oppression."

Col. J. S. N. Leape, president, occupied the chair and introduced the speakers. Ernest Heaton, Toronto, the first speaker, said in part:

**Mr. Heaton's Address.**  
"All citizens of this country aim at the same thing. We all want a sober country and we all want obedience to laws. We all know of cases where misery arises from the abuse of liquor and would save the next generation from a condition of that kind, train their character and make the next generation better than the last. The only difference between us and the gentlemen who advocate prohibition is that they are taking greater risks than some of us are willing to take. The greatest difficulty that I have had in voting this time is that the prohibitionist goes on the assumption that it is a crime to drink a glass of beer or whiskey. You all know that is a lie." He quoted from scripture Christ's attitude toward the use of wine. Today the prohibitionist would call Him a friend of the liquor interests. One of the miracles was the conversion of water into wine (fermented wine, according to Principal Hutton of Toronto University and Provost Macklem, Trinity College, both noted Greek scholars), and no one can be a follower of Him and vote for prohibition. "When men tell a lie they have to follow it by other lies. These people either appeal to you in ignorance or they lie to you. All you need to say to persons who ask you to vote for prohibition is that it is a lie and they will go away cringing. If we are to have a new gospel, it is to be that of a newspaper editor or of the chairman of the referendum committee?"

**Democracy on Trial.**  
"We are living in very dangerous times. Democracy is on trial. Changes come with rapidity, governments change, thrones vanish and bolshevism threatens. We cannot risk the safety of democracy. Government by referendum is on trial, government by rule of majority is on trial. Are we willing to risk this thing that lies at the very foundation of government by which we live? If the verdict of referendum is to be binding upon the conscience of the people it must have the same test as that of a judge or jury. Who will deny that? There must be no fraud or intimidation. Everybody must have the same opportunity to study both sides. If rules are not observed, there is an appeal. The referendum committee was supposed to be neutral, to see that all votes came out."

The speaker told of people in Toronto being questioned on their attitude toward prohibition and their names were subsequently found to be off the voters' lists. At the last referendum it was found that was so. "Can you, therefore, be surprised to hear that for some months men were in Toronto and made arrangements with judges to accept lists of names to save them appearing in person to register? Can you be surprised that the Citizens' Liberty League got an injunction to see that voters were registered in strict accordance with law and in person? The partiality of the committee was shown when they made arrangements for the inmates

of the Old Women's Home, Toronto, to vote, but did not do so for the returned soldier patients in hospitals who would not have been able to cast a vote in this referendum." "That alone," declared the speaker, "would go a long way to discredit the vote in this referendum." Mr. Heaton also told of many business men unfavorable to prohibition being intimidated and kept from taking part for fear of losing business. All business men, heads of big companies and banks, are opposed to prohibition. There has been a tyranny that reduced men to moral cowardice. He told of a 500k. "Before The Bar," that gave the history of the prohibition movement on this continent being kept out of circulation because of intimidation by the prohibition party, whereas it should be read by every person called upon to vote. Other instances were cited. The pulpits were used when on one else could reply and present the other side, a condition which any judge would call undue influence. If such facts set aside the verdict of a judge or jury, who feels that a verdict cast in favor of the prohibition should not be also set aside?

**Based Upon A Lie.**  
"It is a law based upon a lie and a law that can never stand. It would not hurt my conscience to take an illegal drink. It would hurt my conscience to tell on another who took an illegal drink, but it would not hurt my conscience to tell on a man, who stole or committed a murder. I would feel it my duty to do so, but no man will help enforce this law founded upon a lie. Prohibition cannot be enforced without a shock to sane people. Does it shock you that a man is to be considered guilty until he is proved innocent? It cannot be enforced except by the spotter, who, Judas-like, betrays with a kiss."

Many such cases were cited by Mr. Heaton—a blot upon the name of this province and a prostitution of justice. Is there any difference between Satan in the Garden of Eden and the spotter. A prominent Toronto man said: "We will make the penalties more severe if the people will not obey, and even hang them. That is the only way prohibition can be enforced." Mr. Heaton quoted Ernest Langley, enforcement officer of New York state, as saying that prohibition could not be enforced and more liquor was consumed than before prohibition was made law. It has been proved a failure in the United States, and in western Canada, and only a madman would try it here. He gave figures showing an enormous increase in the use of drugs and gave an estimate of 1,000,000 addicts in United States and Canada. Are we willing to endure this for a temporary period of prohibition? There must be a change to a permanent policy of government control. Money should not have gone to make millionaires in Quebec but into good roads in Ontario, under a system that would ensure pure liquor and beer for the workman and gradual restrictions such as the feeling of the country would support. In order to get this you must vote "No."

Professor Cappon said that the League was strong in its advocacy of government control, and Dr. Austin, in proposing a vote of thanks to the speaker, heartily endorsed what was said. He declared that prohibition could not suppress the traffic in poisonous substitutes for pure liquors now being consumed with fatal results.

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