

The English Licensing Bill

The second reading of the English Licensing Bill was moved in the House of Commons on Wednesday of last week.

Cardinal Logue and all the Catholic Bishops of Ireland strongly urged the members of the Irish Parliamentary party to support the measure.

Unless amended, the bill will effect a compulsory reduction of the number of licenses to one for 750 persons in a town, or one for every 400 in country districts, and will result in a suppression of about one-third of the whole. Compensation will be paid, as heretofore, from funds supplied by the trade during the next fourteen years, after which no claim for compensation will lie. The power of local veto with regard to new licenses will be conferred on the parochial electors, and constables not in uniform should have the right of entry into all clubs whether in London or elsewhere.

He went to the butcher; also the baker;
He went to the grocer and cabinet-maker;
He even enquired of the new undertaker,
And asked the distiller and brewer;
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As regards domestic servants (says the Christchurch "Press"), we are convinced that, if suitable selected immigrants were brought out to the Colony free, the result would benefit the whole community. At the present time there are simply not enough domestic servants in New Zealand to go round. It is not a question of the rate of wages, because, owing to the general reluctance of New Zealand girls to go into service, as it is called, the number available is insufficient to supply the wants of those who can afford to pay them the fairly high rate of wages prevailing. The consequence is, as we have before pointed out, that numbers of New Zealand wives and mothers are overworked in a way that no trades union would tolerate with any of its members, and many of them become nervous wrecks in consequence.

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