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VOTING ON EARLY CLOSING.

We print below the division lists on closing hotel bars at 8 p.m. and at 9 p.m. We hope all temperance women will ponder it well, cut it out, and pin it up for reference. Deep indignation has been expressed at the action of the Government in refusing this reform. But, as voters, we have only ourselves to blame. We put these members in. Can electorates which are represented by brewers expect to get temperance legislation? Can a brewer who is a Cabinet Minister give an unbiassed vote on early closing? Will not the loss to his brewery profits blind him to the gain in economy and efficiency to the nation?

Over 100,000 electors petitioned for this reform. All Protestant churches held meetings and sent resolutions in its favour. The Committee of the

House to whom the petition was referred brought in a recommendation in its favour. The King and Lord Kitchener, Bishop and Statesman, Admiral and General, have all asked for restriction of the liquor traffic in the interests of national defence. And yet, in spite of all, the National Government turned down even such a very moderate reform as nine o'clock closing. In favour of eight o'clock closing only one Minister voted—Hon. Hanan (a very honourable exception). Three Ministers voted for nine o'clock closing—Hons. Allen, Hanan, and McNab.

Burke said: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men should do nothing." Last election temperance men and women were so engaged with war work that they did nothing, or very little, at reform work.

Behold the result! A House which refuses the distinct wish of the Dominion for any curtailment of the hours for the sale of liquor. It is no use talking reform and then voting for men who will vote at the bidding of "the trade." The National Government cares nothing for your blame if you will only vote for it. Members of Parliament can stand any amount of censure if you will still vote for them.

Members voted for daylight saving against the expressed wish of the Government, because they believed it would make for national economy. Why did they not vote for early closing, which would be a much greater economy? Why did one of the Ministers speak as if he held a brief for the publican? The reason is not far to seek!

Electors! if all who signed the petition resolve that their votes shall go with their signature, that no man who opposed early closing shall get a vote again, then those one hundred thousand electors, standing shoulder to shoulder, can consign every opponent of reform to the seclusion of private life at next election.

Mothers! will you vote for a man who puts the vested interest of the liquor trade before your vested interest in your boy? It is boys or beer; daughters or dollars. Which will you vote for?

Study this list carefully, and keep it for reference at next election.

Agst. 8 o'clock.

For 8 o'clock.

Allen	Anderson
Bollard	Anstey
Brown	Buddo
Buick	Craigie
Coates	Dickson, J. M.
Colvin	Ell
Dickie	Field, T. A. H.
Dickson, J. S.	Hanan
Field, W. H.	Harris
Fletcher	Hindmarsh
Forbes	Hornsby
Fraser	Hunter
Glover	Isitt
Guthrie	McCombs
Henare	Mander
Herdman	Newman, Dr.
Herries	Newman, E.
Hudson	Ngata
Jennings	Okey
McCallum	Pearce
MacDonald	Poland
McNab	Poole
Massey	Sykes
Myers	Talbot
Nosworthy	Thomson
Parata	Walker
Payne	Wilkinson
Pomare	Wright
Rhodes, R. H.	Young
Rhodes, T. W.	
Russell	
Scott	
Sidey	
Smith	
Statham	
Stewart	
Thacker	
Veitch	
Ward	
Webb	
Wilford	
Witty	

Agst 9 o'clock.

For 9 o'clock.

Bollard	Allen
Brown	Anderson
Buick	Anstey
Coates	Buddo
Colvin	Craigie
Dickie	Dickson (Chaimers)
Dickson (Parnell)	Ell
Field, W. H.	Field, T. A.
Fletcher	Forbes
Fraser	Hanan
Glover	Harris
Guthrie	Hindmarsh
Henare	Hornsby
Herdman	Hunter
Herries	Hudson
Jennings	Isitt
McCallum	McCombs
MacDonald	McNab
Massey	Mander