

Quebec Liquor Law has flung by every restriction as to strength of liquor and hours of sale. The Government's sales of spirits run to a net profit of nine figures, the profits of the brewers, who sell direct to license-holders, are known only to themselves. Shameless Government pressure is put on the dry areas—even Quebec has local option. The police force is the worst in Canada. Vice is flaunted on every side, while police failure to report is claimed as effective enforcement of the law. Deep business depression has followed these orgies. For vice, corruption, and crime, Montreal is the sink of North America.

Some of this might be thought prohibition vapourings. But from an outside source comes this extract from an Anglican paper of 1924, *The Canadian Churchman*: "The same sordid story comes from every province under Government Control—more drinking, more drunkenness, more crime, more misery, more waste, and more of the curse of bootlegging."

(To be concluded).

SPECIALS.

KAIAPOI—REST ROOMS.

Many members of the Kaiapoi Branch of the W.C.T.U. and their friends assembled on Thursday afternoon, June 17th, on the occasion of the opening of the new Rest Room erected by the local Union, at 1.30 p.m. The door was opened by Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, who was presented with a bouquet of autumn flowers and leaves by Miss Elsie Warren, and with a silver key by Mrs Vickery, the local President, on behalf of the builders.

Following this, a Dedication Service was held in the hall, Mrs W. J. Williams leading the devotions. Mrs T. E. Taylor gave a short address, congratulating the Union on reaching its objective, and hoped the hall would be a centre from which the truths and facts of Temperance would be spread to the women of the town and district.

Miss Henderson also congratulated the Union on the work that had been done, and trusted that the new hall would be a further incentive to work for the motto of the Union: "For God, and Home and Humanity."

Mrs Bernard, the first President of

the Kaiapoi Branch, said how pleased she was that the hall was an accomplished fact; thanked the members who had worked, and also the Council for the gift of £30 per year towards the upkeep of the hall.

After the service, Mrs Vickery introduced the Mayoress (Mrs Macintosh) who was presented on rising with a bouquet by Brenda Slade. In a few well-chosen words, the Mayoress opened the Sale of Work, the proceeds of which are to go to the fund for furnishing and seating for the hall and Women's Rest Room.

PLEASANT POINT.

The members met at Mrs Halstead's home to say farewell to Mrs Falconer and Mrs A. Miller, who are leaving, the former for Wellington and the latter for Timaru. Members were photographed on the verandah steps, then Mrs Smith and Miss May Smith gave recitations, and Miss Bishop sang. Miss Bishop spoke of the work of Mrs Falconer as Vice-President, and Mrs Miller as Secretary, regretted their departure, and wished them God speed in their new spheres of work. Mrs Falconer was presented with a travelling case and Mrs Miller with a lovely china bowl from the members. Both ladies suitably replied, and all joined in singing "For they are excellent ladies." Afternoon tea served. Mrs Smith thanked Mrs and Miss Halstead for their kindly hospitality.

OAMARU.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR DOMINION VICE-PRESIDENT.

The President, in a few words of welcome, introduced Mrs Heitt, New Zealand Vice-President, who gave an address on "The Church in relation to W.C.T.U.," in which was emphasised the fact that the fight against drink is the Christian's work, every White Ribboner counts, and no Christian woman may stand back and say: Let the temperance reformers do this, I have my Church work. When Frances Willard commenced this great work, to whom did she go? To the Churches of the land. The Church women stepped into line, and from that time it has been a Christian organisation. Let us do our Church work, but let us not leave this undone. Mrs Clarke proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Heitt for her very helpful and inspiring address, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

May 26. Mrs T. E. Taylor, President, presided, and representatives from Papanui, Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Springston-Lincoln, Styx, Belfast, Tempelton, New Brighton, North Brighton, Riccarton and Christchurch attended. Apologies were received for non-attendance from Oxford, Spreydon and Lyttelton.

Before taking the business, votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives and friends of the late Mrs Johnson-Wright, of Wellington, a National Superintendent; and also with the late Mrs H. Gainsford, of Oxford, who had been a very enthusiastic worker and the first President of the Union in that district. The votes were passed, members standing.

Reports from the different Unions showed that active work was going on. A new Union had been formed at North Brighton, with 20 members, and excellent officers: Miss B. Harband, President; Mrs Parker, Secretary; Mrs Eames, Treasurer. Kaiapoi reported that the new Rest Room would be opened on June 17th, and invited members and friends to the opening ceremony and Sale of Work, which is to follow. Tempelton and Rangiora had held successful Band of Hope meetings and L.T.L. Temperance facts had been taught, and scrap books made for the Children's Ward at the Hospital. A letter was read from Miss Anne Gordon, who gave an interesting account of the situation in America, and explained a number of misleading statements that had been published in the newspapers here, and in spite of the active propaganda carried on by the wets, Prohibition sentiment was growing and making headway.

The resignation of Mrs Ferguson, President of the Cheviot Union, owing to her having left the district, was received with regret, and it was decided that one of the officers of the Executive visit the Union at an early date.

Arrangements were made in connection with the District Annual Convention, which is to be held at New Brighton the second week in September.

The next District Executive is to be held either on July 21st or August 4th; members to be notified.