

# THE LICENSING ELECTION.

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## MEN AND WOMEN OF WELLINGTON.

How long will you be deceived by the Prohibitionist Party?

What a farce is their pretention and their hypocrisy.

They publicly cry out for a fourth-reduction of the houses, and the regulation of the traffic.

In secret they say we will sweep away the whole of the hotels, breweries, and all belonging to them—

Without a moment's hesitation. Without an instant's thought  
The Prohibitionists would ruin every licensee and every owner of the hotels of Wellington.

They would cost this city "£6000 ANNUALLY" in license fees and rates.  
Ratepayers would have to pay an additional rate of 8d. in the £.

They would turn one thousand people out of employment.

They would ruin Wellington as the commercial *entrepôt* of the colony.

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Let us be Honest.      Let us be True.      Let us be Faithful.

The new Act gives the Committee power to close hotels if they think necessary.  
Leave the administration of the Act to the Committee.

Elect a Committee of Honest, Impartial, Judge-like men.  
Avoid, like the plagues, the Howling Fanatics who would ruin your city.

Remember—To vote for a reduction is the beginning of Prohibition.  
Prohibition means: No wine for the sick. No stimulants for the weary.

Why should you be dictated as to your Drink, Food, or Thought?  
New Zealanders are the most sober people in the world.

Why should they be branded as drunkards, and as vile in the extreme?  
Who are these Traitors in the land who, as Prohibitionists, villify their fellowmen?

Examine their antecedents. Are they all moral upright men?  
What claims have such characters on the confidence of the public?

VOTE, THEREFORE, for an Honest, Upright, Committee—Men of sound, moderate views.

VOTE, THEREFORE, for NO REDUCTION of LICENSES. Leave the question to the Committee,

Who can, if they think it wise or prudent, close every house in this city.

REMEMBER—No Act of Parliament ever made men sober or righteous.

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Reforms that are Sure are Slow.

PROHIBITION IS REVOLUTION.      REVOLUTION IS ANARCHY.