

The Royal Commission sat in Auburn, Me., on the 6th of July 1893.

- HILL, BENJAMIN**, Sheriff of Androscoggin County Page **698**
 Has made over 200 seizures ; verifies a list of seizures in Lewiston ; liquor of over 20 per cent of alcohol sent to Boston for redistillation ; large quantity of liquor used ; kitchen bar-rooms the worst places ; some pocket peddling ; druggists sell ; Auburn is a temperate place ; no liquor sold outside the agency ; a good many who go there do not get liquor for medicinal purposes ; hopes for better things in Lewiston ; commitments (8754b-8783b).
- LARRABEE, W. S.**, of Auburn, Chief of Police Page **697**
 Term of office ; men arrested formerly but not charged ; statistics of drunkenness ; no drinking shops ; some pocket peddling ; no federal licenses ; home use limited ; sales at the agency ; difficulties in tenement houses ; liquor sold too easily ; no clubs ; law kept better in Auburn than in Lewiston (8723b-8752b).
- LUDDEN, FOREST E.**, of Auburn, City Clerk Page **698**
 Corroborates Chief Larrabee.

The Royal Commission on the Liquor Traffic met in Lewiston, Me., on the 5th of July, 1893.

- CORNISH, A. D.**, of Lewiston, Judge of the Municipal Court Page **716**
 Term of office ; drunkenness has not increased ; population has ; cases average about the same number per annum ; some arrests for drunkenness not included in the record ; no clubs (8977b-8982b ; 9022b-9024b). Liquor cases about the same since liquor deputies were appointed ; numerous warrants issued ; proportion of liquor cases to the whole criminal business ; appeals (8983b-8988b ; 9013b-9320b ; 9025b-9032b). Prohibitory law lessened the number of cases of intoxication, and consumption of liquor ; home drinking not increased, spirituous liquor most easily obtained (8989b-8995b). Law has been enforced so as to do some good ; no respectable citizen selling ; strong feeling against the trade ; liquor selling is an evil ; repeaters ; business men do not drink ; little home drinking (8996b-9012b).
- GARCELON, ALONSO, M.D.**, of Lewiston Page **714**
 In practice 55 years ; former governor of the State ; and mayor of the city (8950b-8955b). Prohibition has not answered the expectation of its promoters ; it is not in accord with the popular views in Lewiston ; not even in accord with the views of those who vote for it ; the enforcement very difficult ; been made a political foot ball ; officials who are charged with the enforcement are open to bribes ; efforts at enforcement are dependent on politics ; the officers' eyes are closed at an election time ; the rich offenders escape and the poor are punished ; liquor is kept in the majority of houses ; the law has encouraged the use of stronger liquors ; drug stores are numerous ; illicit liquor stores ; they take out United States' licenses ; there is no town nor village but what somebody sells ; drunkenness rife ; people who make temperance speeches with a bottle in their pocket ; the introduction of prohibition (8950b-8976b.)