

in the Country Districts especially on the Mainland, is virtually inoperative in Victoria and its neighbourhood. as its provisions, strict as they are, are evaded by an organized system between white men who make the vile liquor for this trade, and the Indian traders who purchase it in quantities to be retailed to their Indian customers on the Reserve. Government has endeavoured to suppress this most baneful traffic, but the profits are so considerable that those engaged in it in a wholesale way, cannot be tempted to become informers and it is only occasionally that even the minor agents are apprehended and punished whilst the principal offenders, some of whom it is hinted are most respectable persons cannot be traced. It is easy for Mr. Green to say "he could point out at least a dozen men known to be engaged in this nefarious traffic" but it would no doubt have been difficult for him to have proved this which he asserts as a known fact, otherwise he would surely have evidenced his earnestness in the cause of those on whose behalf he writes by giving such information to the police as might have led to the punishment of these offenders.

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