

than ten gallons of whiskey, and it can be readily understood how much easier it will be to smuggle one ounce than sixteen hundred ounces.

Even under present conditions the increase in the use of these dangerous narcotics is more than alarming; it is appalling. In recent times it has been no uncommon thing for legitimate dealers in drugs to be offered profits running into three and four hundred per cent if they would consent to supply morphine and cocaine in huge quantities and it is greatly to the credit of many of these that they have refused large sums of money that could have been easily earned in this way.

As it is, the manufacturers of extracts and fictitious medicinal preparations, the bootleggers with their poisonous rot-gut, and the Chinamen and wastrels from the other side of the international boundary with their illicit cocaine and morphine, are piling up fortunes while the prohibition ostrich sticks his head in the sand and rejoices over the fact that he has made such magnificent progress—absolutely refusing to recognize the fact that we are worse off than before.

What will happen if the proposed bone-dry condition is brought about only the gods can tell!

THE BIG PAGEANT IN MAY

"The Romance of Progress" as the 250th anniversary celebration in connection with the Hudson's Bay Company might be called, is creating interest in all directions. It will be the biggest thing of its kind ever attempted in Canada. Citizens generally are invited to ally themselves with it to further the success of the movement. To date besides the 31 numbers of the "Great Company" which will revive the history of Canada from A.D. 1670 to 1870 when the territory was handed over to the British Government, there will be included in the pageant more than 60 floats from the municipalities surrounding Vancouver City.

Practically every outstanding Society and organization in and adjacent to the city is likely to take part.

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3. Remember that wealth of character is more important than any kind of social or material progress.
4. Read at least one good book each month, and one periodical calculated to foster healthful interest in literature and life.
5. Spend less than you earn, and mortgage the future as little as possible.
6. Save by life insurance, so that, whether death comes soon or late, the trials of separation to relatives may not be supplemented by the discovery that liabilities exceed assets.
7. Exercise faith in God, and doubt not that this "gleam of existence between two eternities" is a kindergarten school to fit for fuller service.—(C)