

Comparison with United States.

The following statement taken from a late return of the Commissioner of Inland Revenue of the United States shows the number of licenses issued according to population in several States;—

Illinois.....	One to each	183	Minnesota.....	One to each	301
Indiana.....	"	217	New York.....	"	131
Iowa.....	"	280	Ohio.....	"	203
Michigan.....	"	230	Massachusetts.....	"	380

The position of Ontario under the License Act will be better appreciated by the following statement;—

Number of organized Municipalities in the Province.....	750
Number of organized Municipalities where no tavern licenses are issued.....	111
Or twenty per cent. of the whole number.	
Number of Municipalities in which one and not more than two tavern licenses are issued.....	435
Or fifty-seven per cent. of the whole number.	
Number of Municipalities without a shop license.....	625
Or eighty-two per cent. of the Municipalities of the Province.	

Some Figures for Canada.

According to population, licenses were issued for last year as follows;—

Quebec.....	One to each	435	Montreal.....	One to each	349
Toronto.....	"	1000	Ontario.....	"	700

Commitments for Drunkenness.

The beneficial effect of the improvement made in the license laws is strikingly shown in the reduction of the number of commitments for drunkenness. The commitments to gaol according to population were in:—

1876.....	One for every 444 persons	1892.....	One for every 772 persons
1882.....	" " 561 "	1900.....	" " 836 "

Comparison with Other Provinces.

Statement of convictions for drunkenness in the Provinces of the Dominion, as shown by Dominion Year Book, 1900;—

Ontario.....	One to 823 persons	Manitoba.....	One to 355 persons
Quebec.....	" 461 "	British Columbia.....	" 207 "
Nova Scotia.....	" 448 "	Prince Ed. Island.....	" 341 "
New Brunswick.....	" 253 "	The Territories.....	" 180 "

Average for the Dominion, One to 440.

Average for Ontario, One to 681.