

CANADA'S LIQUOR BILL

COMPARED WITH VARIOUS OTHER LARGE ITEMS OF THE EXPENDITURE OF THE CANADIAN PEOPLE.

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LIQUOR	IRON & STEEL MANUFACTURES	MEAT	BREAD	WOOLLEN GOODS	SAWED LUMBER CONSUMED	BOOTS AND SHOES	COTTON GOODS	SUGAR AND MOLASSES	SCHOOLS	CHRISTIAN MISSIONS
\$27,625,000	\$27,000,000	\$22,175,000	\$21,675,000	\$21,100,000	\$19,797,000	\$18,000,000	\$13,803,000	\$9,757,000	\$9,000,000	\$400,000

The figures above given show that the Canadian people spend more for whiskey and other intoxicating drinks than for any other class of manufactures; five million more for liquor than for meat; six million more for liquor than for either bread or woollen goods. They spend more for destroying drinks than for all the lumber they annually use for building houses, and barns, and fences, and making furniture; one third more on the stuff that puts snakes in their boots than on the boots themselves; twice as much for alcohol as for cottons; nearly three times as much as for sugar; and while they spend \$8,000,000 for clearing their heads by education, they spend three and a half times as much for muddling them.

A single year of this baneful expenditure costs as much as would buy out the farms and stock of either of the wealthy counties of Hastings or Elgin. One month would buy up all the townships of the great county of Wellington. Thirty-two years of this annual drink bill would purchase the farms, stock, and implements of the whole Province of Ontario. Liquor costs the Dominion as much as a respectable war, and kills more than such a war generally does.

The indirect cost for the maintenance of prisons and asylums, and in the loss of labour, is another item in the drink bill of the country, which would swell the total financial loss caused by the liquor traffic to an even more enormous sum. And the financial loss, after all, is the smallest evil of the whole business.

WHISKEY AND TOBACCO.

"BY the help of the Lord I had given up my whiskey, but I thought there was no harm in tobacco. But one night I heard Tim Reagon say he'd give up his pipe because he wanted to be all clean before the Lord, and I asked myself: 'Tom Collins, sez I, 'don't you want to be all clean before the Lord?' So when I came out, I just pitched my tobacco over the fence, and the pipe I smashed when I got home. That week I put a dollar in the savings bank."

SMILES.

"I HAD covered up a great many of your sins," said a sexton to a tavern-keeper.

A FULL purse and a brandy-bottle rarely occupy opposite pockets in the same coat.

REFLECTION is an angel that points out the errors of the past, and gives us courage to avoid them in the future.

IF intoxicating drinks are proper and natural beverages, why do not horses and oxen and other mere animals use them in preference to water?

THE Rev. Miss Oliver says that every time a young man spends five cents for a glass of beer, he takes seven bricks from the pile of a snug little home.

A GOOD husband, like a good base-burner, never goes out nights. Because, like a base-burner, he knows he'll get a good shaking if he does.

DOCTOR—"There, get that prescription filled and take a table-spoonful three times a day before meals."

PAUPER PATIENT—"But, doctor, I don't get but one meal in two days."

"Is your mother in?" asked a visitor of a little Mormon boy who opened the door. "No, ma'am," the little boy replied, "but my brother's mother is in."

THEY tell us, said John B. Gough, that alcohol gives strength and nourishment. No, it does not, it gives stimulus. You sit down on a hornet's nest, and it may be quickening but not nourishing. A man once said to a friend of mine: "You are fighting whiskey. Whiskey has done a great deal of good. Whiskey has saved a great many lives." You remind me," said my friend, "of a boy who was told to write an essay about a pin, and in his boyish way he said: 'A pin is a very queer sort of thing. It has a round head and a sharp point, and if you stick them in you they hurt, and women use them for cuffs and collars, and men use them when their buttons are off. If you swallow them they kill you. For five cents you can get a packet of them, and they save thousands of lives.' The teacher said: 'What on earth do you mean? How have they saved thousands of lives?' 'By people not swallowing them,' answered the boy."

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