lose not less than thirty days in the year through drinking habits. If they could earn \$1.50 a day—and many of them could earn much more—then by their drinking the country loses \$1,350,000 a year in productive industry. Mark the amount, one million three hundred and fifty thousand dollars! An enormous sum, truly, but still far within the reality, for we shall, by-and-bye, see that the time of every man engaged in this traffic is just so much lost to the industry of the country.

Again, it has been frequently stated in our Legislative Assembly that every industrious able-bodied man that can be induced to come and settle amongst us is worth to the country at least \$1,500; but statistics prove that through strong drink upwards of 4,000 lives are sacrificed every year. The loss to the country in this respect is therefore \$6,000,000 a year (six million dollars). But this is not all. The largest item in the financial waste of the Liquor Traffic is yet to come. There are consumed in the distilleries and breweries of the Dominion annually about 2,750,000 bushels of grain. This would make 41,250,000 of four-pound loaves of bread. To form some idea of this enormous waste, observe that if these four-pound loaves were laid as paving stones they would pave a road 30 feet wide for 700 miles long. And yet we are crying out "Hard times !" and "Scarcity of food !" From a careful computation submitted to the House of Commons by G. W. Ross, M.P. for Middlesex West, it appears that every year the sum of \$25,000,000 is absorbed in the Liquor Traffic, or about an average of \$6 per head for every man, woman and child in the Dominion. Mr. Ross reckons that the financial loss to the country from this traffic is \$41,000,000, while the revenue derived is, as we have seen, only \$5,000,000. Here then we have both sides of the account, leaving a net loss to the country from the Liquor Traffic of \$36,000,000 (thirty-six million dollars). Now, I ask, is it wise financially to sanction a traffic that is every year costing the country such an enormous sum? This is surely penny wise and pound foolish. As a member of Parliament expressed it: "Is it not absurd that we must spend such an enormous amount as forty-one million dollars in order to raise the comparatively small amount of five million dollars of revenue ?" There was a nobleman in Great Britain who died a few years ago, who was very particular in looking after little

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