

than they were twenty years ago ; our people more temperate than those of any Province or State on this continent ; the number of those committed for drunkenness one-third of what it was twenty years ago ; I ask you to remember with me that this has been accomplished under moderate legislation, step by step legislation, under the policy of "hurry slowly," and, judging from the past, I ask you to agree with me that if the legislation on this bill is to be effective, is to be useful, is to lead to grand results, it can only be effective in proportion to its moderation, and in proportion to the extent in which it shall carry with it the moral sentiment of the whole community.