

Rev. J. Ash, of Ameliasburg, Prince Edward County, writes to me to the following effect :—

"In response to your enquiries respecting the practical effect of Prohibition in the County of Prince Edward, I hereby record it as my deliberate conviction, founded on close personal observation, that the interests of religion, public morality, and social order, have been greatly promoted by the adoption by the County of the Dunkin Act. We do not claim certainly that the law has been a complete success, but we do claim that the wilful violations of the law are not more marked or frequent than those of theft, Sabbath desecration, and incendiarism ; and with equal consistence on this ground of failure, might the law be repealed against these, as the law for prohibiting the liquor traffic."

Rev. J. MacMechan writes : "I believe its effects have been decidedly advantageous all over the County, but mainly outside of Picton. As a friend of total abstinence, I esteem it a great help to the cause to have the Dunkin Law on the Statute Book. The Liquor Traffic is odious in all its aspects—morally, socially, religiously ; but there is no stigma that damns it more effectually than its unlawfulness."

Mrs. Youmans says : "It had been said the Dunkin Act was a failure in Prince Edward ; but how could that be when they voted on it three times and carried it each time ? Everything had been done in the way of little legal quibbling to prevent the Act going into operation, but yet it did go into operation, and that with success. One of the results was that at the next Assize Court there was neither a criminal nor a civil case to be tried. The grocery and clothing stores also did a much larger business ; and one baker said he had to bake an extra batch of bread to meet the increased demand. The business of the milkman also increased greatly. What was formerly spent on drink was now spent on the necessaries of life. I do not wish it to be understood that there is no whiskey sold in Prince Edward now, but the man who does so breaks the law, and is placed in the same dock with the thief and the burglar. They have no longer the law on their side."

A gentleman writes : "The Temperance party in this County have surmounted difficulty after difficulty, and to day are the proud possessors of the fact that this much-abused Dunkin Act has suppressed at least three-fourths of the drinking in the County. There is not a locality in which the good results of the temperance reform cannot be seen."