

Halifax the home of the profiteering physician who charged me two dollars for writing his name to one liquor order. Halifax the city of dives where I was hauled in off the street robbed, poisoned, doped, and finally woke up with nothing but the itch and a black eye. Yet Halifax will attempt to dry Glace Bay. Without the support of the citizens it can't be done. Yet how easy it would be if she had the support of the citizens. The liquor sellers of Glace Bay never discriminated, they sold a drink to any one who wanted it. Surely sixty percent and perhaps seventy per cent of the people of Glace Bay have bought liquor in this town, yet one cannot be found who for love, hate or money will appear against the liquor sellers and testify in court to buying the liquor. In a spirit of fairness perhaps the citizens say, he only gave me what I asked for, he did not pull me in off the street or force me to buy his liquor. If I was foolish enough to buy it and drink it that's my fault, if a druggist sold me iodine and I drank it, I cannot blame the druggist. So here is another case where the law is not popular and does not get support, the citizens of Glace Bay are not crying like babies and demanding protection against themselves, if they wilfully drink liquor they take the consequences like men and are not whining to the authorities. "That man sold me liquor." That is why you cannot get convictions against liquor sellers, because men are too fair minded and too honest to blame another for their own mistakes.

But I must not forget that my original purpose was to answer the charge of being a Bolshevik, an agitator, a dangerous man. Well madam I plead Not Guilty, but I am a Canadian, a grown man, a free man, an honest man, and I demand the rights of a Canadian citizen. I am as much interested in the welfare of Canada as any