

Liquor Traffic—Ontario.

12029a. Where they pass from the street to the jail, from the jail to the police court, from the police court to the cells, and from the cells back again on to the street, making a regular procession the year round?—Yes, they make the complete circuit

EUGENE O'KEEFE, on being duly sworn, deposed as follows :—

By the Chairman :

12030a. What is your business?—Brewer and maltster.

12031a. Is your establishment in Toronto?—Yes.

12032a. Is it a company or a firm?—A company at the present time—the O'Keefe Brewery Company of Toronto, Limited.

12033a. Do you make different kinds of liquor?—Yes, ale, porter and lager beer.

12034a. Of which do you make the largest quantity?—Ale and porter.

12035a. What number of men do you employ?—At the present time we have 78, including the whole staff, travellers and all. That includes one who is coming on in a week. From 78 to 80 is about our force.

12036a. How long have you been carrying on business?—Going on 32 years.

12037a. Has it always been a company?—Oh, no, only within the last two years. It was O'Keefe & Co. before that.

12038a. How much do you pay in wages?—I prepared the figures carefully last night. \$50,914 a year, including expenses of travellers, which of course are charged as salary.

12039a. Included in the seventy-eight are the office hands, I suppose?—Yes, the whole staff. We count our year from the 1st of September to the 31st of August.

12040a. Have you the figures of the number of gallons of liquors you have manufactured?—Yes, for a portion of the time. I find that the lager beer accounts have not been kept by themselves—the quantities have not been added up. I will start at 1882-83 and give you the Imperial gallons of ale, including porter, up to 1886-87, after which lager is included.

| Ale. | Imperial gallons. |
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| 1882-83 | 285,086 |
| 1883-84 | 271,420 |
| 1884-85 | 303,229 |
| 1885-86 | 361,522 |
| 1886-87 | 408,892 |
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| Ale and lager beer. | Imperial gallons. |
| 1887-88 | 662,415 |
| 1888-89 | 734,735 |
| 1889-90 | 782,157 |
| 1890-91 | 800,089 |
| 1891-92 | 881,459 |
| 1892-93 | 918,957 |

12041a. Is your product sold principally within the Province of Ontario?—It was up to a couple or three years ago, when we found it necessary to put out travellers to compete with our competitors, and our business has increased as a consequence. I fancy if it were not for that it would have fallen off.

12042a. Where do you principally export to—I mean out of the Province?—We send it all through Ontario, also to Montreal, very largely in lager beer, and very little outside. We have sent some up to the North-west, but we found it was not a paying business—too much trouble.