

4. BECAUSE THE FEARFUL EFFECTS OF THE LEGALIZED DRAM SHOP ARE ADMITTED EVEN BY THE MEN ENGAGED IN CARRYING IT ON OR IN DEFENDING IT IN THE PRESS AND ON THE PLATFORM.

Bonfort's "Wine and Spirit Circular," the most prominent organ of the liquor sellers in the United States, declares :—

"It is all very well for the wine and spirit trade to quiet its apprehensions by reverting to the majorities against prohibition in the Michigan, Texas, Tennessee, Oregon and West Virginia elections, but the fact is still apparent that THE SENTIMENT AGAINST OUR BUSINESS IS CONSTANTLY GROWING IN THIS COUNTRY AND GAINING FRIENDS AMONG THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL ELEMENT IN OUR POPULATION. We are all familiar with society's complaints against the liquor traffic. We realize that there is good ground for many of these complaints. We deplore the facts, but stand helpless and without a word of advice to those who would correct them. Herein lies our weakness. We are without a policy. WE SEE YOUNG MEN BECOMING DRUNKARDS, BUT WE OFFER NO REMEDY. WE SEE OLD MEN TURN TO COMMON SOTS, BUT WE OFFER NO REMEDY. WE SEE THE SLUM OF SOCIETY ALL FLOCKING INTO THE RETAIL LIQUOR BUSINESS, BUT WE OFFER NO REMEDY. WE SEE THESE MEN GAIN CONTROL OF CITY GOVERNMENTS, BUT WE OFFER NO REMEDY. WE SEE THE RETAIL LIQUOR BUSINESS DRAGGED DOWN TO THE LEVEL OF THE BAWDY HOUSE AND LITTLE HELLS ARE OPERATED IN PUBLIC PLACES UNDER LIQUOR LICENSES, BUT WE OFFER NO REMEDY.

5. BECAUSE THE TRAFFIC ITSELF IS THE WORST FINANCIAL SPECULATION A NATION EVER ENGAGED IN.

From a paper published recently by Mr. T. W. Casey, we glean the following facts and figures :—

REVENUE FROM LICENSES AND FINES.

According to the last official report there were, during the last license year, issued as follows : Tavern licenses, including wine and beer, 3,040 ; shop licenses, 403 ; wholesale licenses, 21 ; total for Ontario, 3,464.

The total public revenue received from these licenses, including fees, transfers, removals, fines, etc., was \$665,609.10.