

community almost everywhere discourages the extravagant conduct once thought a necessary condition of "getting religion." The community is ripe for the reception of a faith that appeals to reason and Scripture. Our missionaries command full houses wherever they go.

The material prospects of the Province are growing brighter every year. The decline of ship-building is a serious loss to a port like St. John, hitherto the fourth in the world for number of ships built and registered, but there is no reason why iron ships should not be built here, as ore and coal are abundant. The depression in the lumber trade, if it leads farmers to attend to their fields instead of "driving" logs in spring, may not be an unmitigated evil. The population is steadily growing, and that not by the influx of foreign elements difficult to assimilate but by natural increase. New Brunswick families are generally large. That many of our young people go to the New England States is not to be wondered at. It is seldom that the industries of any country increase as fast as the population. The writer has had much to do with the working classes since coming to St. John and he has not yet met with a single case of poverty that was not due to that curse of our country—rum.

THE RELIGIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY.

The numerical strength of the several religious bodies in these counties is as follows:—Roman Catholics, 59,722; Baptists, 48,662; Episcopalians, 41,124; Methodists, 31,641; Free Christian Baptists, 31,327; Presbyterians, 24,957; not included in the foregoing denominations, 7,401. Total population, 244,834.

The original settlers were principally U. E. Loyalists. Glassville and Kincardine are Scotch colonies. About one-third of the population is of English descent, another third is Irish, and this is, of course, chiefly Roman Catholic. Only about one-sixth are of Scotch descent. The Romish church has a numerical majority. Episcopalians, Arminian or Free Christian Baptists, and Methodists, are much more numerous than Presbyterians. Reformed Presbyterians (numbering 1,812) are found chiefly in Westmoreland, Kings and St. John. Although their church in St. John may be maintained by funds contributed in the United States, yet their cause is an expiring one, and the majority will doubtless unite with our body. Disciples, or Campbellites