

TYRONE COUNTY, IRELAND.

This county contains 61 square miles and 10,000 people. No public-house is allowed. The Right Hon. Lord Claude Hamilton, late M. P., said in 1870 :

" At present there is not a single policeman in that district. The poor rates are half what they were before, and the magistrates testify to the great absence of crime."

A year or two before his death, Father Mathew, in a letter to Mr. Delavan, said :

" The principle of prohibition seems to me to be the only safe and certain remedy for the evils of intemperance. This opinion has been strengthened and confirmed by the hard labour of more than twenty years in the temperance cause."

But what of the DUNKIN BILL in those parts of Canada where it has been tried ? Has it not been a failure ? I say, No, emphatically No. Here are our witnesses :

Mr. T. W. Casey, License Commissioner for Lennox and Addington, says : " In the Township of Richmond, County of Lennox, the by-law was adopted in 1865, and has ever since been in operation. At that time there were thirteen persons selling liquor in the township ; now there is not one. * * * * * Though three votes have since been taken, it has been well sustained by the people ; and at the last vote, some two years ago, the vote was much larger in its favour than ever before. The Reeve of the township informs me that the falling off in the amount to be paid for paupers has been large. In fact, all the revenue once derived from licenses has more than been saved in the pauper fund alone. The County Judge was in my office yesterday, and he assures me, from his observation, that he considers the by-law in Richmond a perfect success, and he recommends every municipality to adopt it."

Mr. G. A. Purvis says : " For information to you concerning the Dunkin Bill in this township (Yonge), I must say it is a success. * * * We find the township revenue better supplied with the same taxation, with our old tipplers' increase of property, and less crime and idleness, and, of course, less paid out to keep the same in subjection. * * * You need not fear its success—it is the most perfect law we have. I tell you this, knowing and feeling its success for the last ten years."

Rev. J. W. McCallum, of Picton, says : " I am glad to have an opportunity of saying that I believe the Bill, in its working here, is anything but a failure. * * * Never were greater efforts made to defeat a righteous law, or make it appear ridiculous, than are being made to defeat the Dunkin Bill. Still, it is doing good and will succeed. * * *