

have been, in an infinitely better condition with reference to the sale and use of such liquors than similar portions of other states referred to; and are, and have been, comparatively free from both the sale and use, and this must fairly be considered the result of prohibitory legislation. At the present time, the law is probably enforced even in large towns and cities as thoroughly, at least, as any other penal statute.

WM. S. PUTMAN.

(Mr. Putman was Mayor four years ago—a Democratic Mayor—and the Democratic party always went for license. Hence this testimony is specially valuable and significant.)

From the Mayor of Bangor.

Mayor's Office, City of Bangor, Me., May 30, 1872.

The law is being enforced throughout the state as never before, and with wonderful success. It is safe to say that in our city not one-tenth part as much is sold now as in years past, when the law was not enforced.

J. S. WHEELRIGHT, Mayor.

(Concurred in by aldermen, city officers and others.)

From Gen. Chamberlaine, Ex-Governor of Maine.

Brunswick, Maine, May 30, 1872.

The declaration made by persons that the Maine law is inoperative, and that liquor is sold freely and in large quantities in this state is not true. The liquor traffic has been greatly repressed and diminished here and throughout the state, and in many places has been entirely swept away. The law is as well executed generally in the state as other criminal laws are. Many persons think that there is not one-tenth so much liquor sold in the State as there was formerly. While we prefer not to certify to any particular degree of repression of the traffic, we say without reserve that if liquors are sold at all, it is in very small quantities compared with the old times, and in a secret way, as other unlawful things are done.

JOSHUA L. CHAMBERLAINE,
GEO. C. CRAWFORD, Postmaster.

(General Chamberlaine was governor of the state for four years preceding the term of the present governor. He is now President of Bowdoin College.)

From Pastors of various Churches in Portland.

Portland, May 31, 1872.

As to the effect of the Maine Law upon the traffic in strong drinks in this city, the quantity sold now is but a small fraction of what we remember the sales to have been, and we believe the results are the same, or nearly so throughout the State. If the trade exists at all here, it is carried on with secrecy and caution, as other unlawful practices are. All our people must agree that the benefits of this state of things are obvious and very great.

(Signed by 12 Pastors of Churches in Portland.)