

**A COMPARISON**

The report of Mr. J. B. Hawthorne, Chief Inspector under Prohibitory Act for the Province of New Brunswick, has been published. Some comparisons between this report and that of Chief Inspector Wilson for the preceding year may be of interest.

Chief Inspector Hawthorne reports three wholesale and seventy-nine retail licenses granted during his term. For the previous year there were two wholesale and sixty-three retail licenses. Of the sixty-three retail licenses issued by Inspector Wilson, six were cancelled by him for cause. New licenses were issued to the same person under Inspector Hawthorne. Inspector Wilson's report for 1921, says:—"There were fifteen retail licensees, either by themselves or by their clerks, before the courts for violation of the Prohibitory Act, thirteen of whom pleaded 'Guilty.' Two others failed to put in an appearance, one of them forfeited four hundred dollars, and the other two hundred dollars.

Vendors licenses were also issued by Inspector Hawthorne to some who had been fined for violation of the law. One such case was Mrs. Harry Haley, of Milltown, the business being carried on by her son. A quantity of liquor was seized from this vendor and a complaint laid against her for violation of the law. The case was withdrawn and the liquor returned. Later, Mary Haley died and a license was issued to her daughters, Mrs. Fannie Thieck-

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ens, of New Hampshire, U. S. A., and the business goes on.

One wholesale licensee, the Canadian Drug Company, of St. John, was reported for violation of the Prohibitory Act on June 20, 1920. On December 8, a conviction was recorded. Another case against the same company was disposed of on the same date a conviction being recorded. This made the fourth conviction recorded against this company. Inspector Hawthorne had a license granted them after these four convictions.

In 1921, the price of vendors licenses was increased from \$25 to \$100, making an increase of revenue from this source of about \$6,000.

Inspector Hawthorne reports six hundred and eighty prosecutions in 1921 with five hundred and ninety one convictions. The previous year there were reported nine hundred and twenty-four prosecutions with eight hundred and twenty-four convictions, a difference of 238 prosecutions and 233 convictions—in favor of Wilson.

Inspector Hawthorne reports that the wholesale license system was done away with during the year; but he does not report that during the year he issued a wholesale license to a concern that was convicted and fined for the fourth time.

In his report for 1920, Inspector Wilson writes as follows:—"The experience of the past four years teach us that if the Prohibitory Act is to be successfully enforced and

more a working success, there are several things to be kept in mind.

The first is that in towns and cities there are too many licenses. Before an inspector can be expected to have a measure of success in his work, licenses should be reduced to a minimum. The wholesale license system ought to be done away with and a commission organized to distribute the sale of all liquors for medicinal purposes in New Brunswick. This would give the officers a chance to check up all liquors handled by the retailers, something that cannot be done successfully at present. The retail license system could and should be changed. Too many places in a community where liquors might be purchased is only increasing the difficulties of enforcement. To prevent the abuse of monopoly, the Government, through its commission, may control the profits and also prices of all liquors sold. It appears to me that there are great possibilities in this method, and steps might be taken to prevent the many complaints of overcharging that arise from time to time."

The Commission has been organized since the above report was made. Instead of the number of retail licenses being reduced, as four years' experience of the former Inspector had him to suggest, they have been practically increased as stated above. The expenses of enforcing the Prohibitory Act in 1921 were \$16,000 more than in 1920 when Mr. Wilson was Inspector.

**Political Letter**

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by the westerners, in particular, when he rises to speak, than the leader of the Official Opposition, and it is an open secret that his wide knowledge of certain involved matters has been sought by and freely given to members not within the circle of the Conservative Party.

Some of the largest items in the Estimates of the Trade and Commerce Department still remain for consideration by the House. One of these is a proposed Vote of \$280,000—the same as last year, for Trade Commissioners and Commercial Agents, Hon. H. H. Stevens, Conservative member for Vancouver Centre, and ex minister of Trade and Commerce, is to discuss the item when it comes up again. It will be recalled that Western Ontario United Boards of Trade, meeting in Windsor last February, urged the Government to make more adequate provision for Canada's organization of trade commissioners abroad.

**HOW SNOW HELPS SOIL**

In a handful of snow there might be 20,000 crystals, and no two of them would be alike.

Sleet is snow which, in its passage to the earth, has passed through a layer of warmer air, and becomes partially melted.

Snow is early or late, according to whether the summer was short and soon over or extended to the autumn. A short, early summer, means that the earth cools more quickly.

Ground which is covered with snow very rarely falls below freezing point, although the air may be fifteen to twenty degrees colder. This is because snow is a very bad conductor of heat—it holds the heat in the ground and stops radiation.

The reference in the Psalms: "He giveth snow like wool," is not to the fact that snow and wool are alike in appearance, but to the warmth of each.

Snow is warm because air is held in its minute crystal interstices. No heat escapes from anything covered with snow. Snow is, literally, a valuable manure, and nourishes the earth with its carbonic acid which penetrates slowly into the soil and is thus fully absorbed.

Finally, snow is ruinous to shoe leather, because it warms the leather, opens it, and then penetrates.

**Early Elections In Quebec Hinted At**

Montreal, May 17—Early provincial elections were strongly hinted at by Hon. J. L. Perron, Minister of Roads, in a speech to the Perron Club here tonight.

The Minister wants elections as quickly as possible, according to his statements, so that the provincial government may confront Arthur Sauve, leader of the Conservative party, on the Quebec liquor question.

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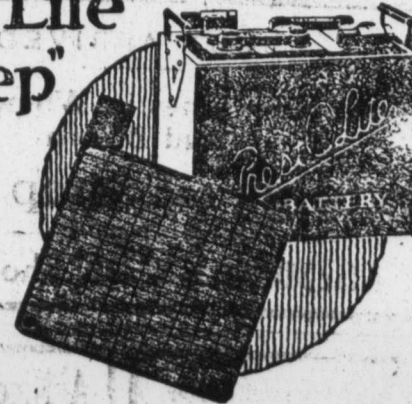
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