

The proportion of Ginger Extractive present in the extracts now on the market is so small as to be no hindrance to their being used for beverage purposes, in fact they are wrongly described as extracts,—they are simply flavored alcohol.

This applies equally to lemon and all other extracts on the market.

Extracts prepared from essential oils should contain not less than 12½ per cent of the straight oils or an equivalent of turpeneless oil. Such extracts like a valoid Ginger extract could not be used as beverages and would be much more economical for legitimate users.

The situation regarding so-called medicinal preparations is equally intolerable. There are many nostrums on the market that would never have had an existence but for the incidence of Prohibition, and they have no other real excuse for their existence. Their real medicinal value is non est. They are simply camouflaged commercial alcohol and they are being used in enormous quantities.

Then there is the question of illicit distillation. There is no use blinking the fact that illicitly distilled spirit is being extensively sold. The Prohibitionists propose to put an end to this by employing the Mounted Police. Are they aware that in Ireland, where there has never been Prohibition and where the rewards for illicit distillation are meagre compared with what they are here—and with all the organization of excise officers and Royal Irish Constabulary—it has been found impossible to put a stop to it? What chance is there to suppress the traffic in British Columbia with its enormous area so thinly populated?

If the numbers of the Mounted Police were increased to equal half the number of the population of the Province they could not be blamed although they failed to stop the evil.

Any man who is familiar with the conditions necessary for the manufacture of spirits suitable for human consumption—the complicated apparatus and skillful manipulation required—would sooner see such spirit in free use than have even the smallest quantity of the vile poison produced by the moonshiner get into the hands of the public. Ninety per cent of the evils that arose from the use or abuse of alcohol under the old conditions were due to the want of efficient control and to the amount of deleterious liquors that were sold.

If the Prohibitionists have the cause of real temperance at heart, they will get away from the fanatical and impossible methods which they now favor, and suggest or endorse some method whereby properly controlled provision of stimulants, that are useful and harmless when used in moderation, can be effected. Let them go as far as they wish in punishing or controlling the drunkard but leave the average citizen some degree of personal freedom.

The theory that the man who uses stimulants is a bad citizen is an untenable one.

The theory that the use of stimulants is incompatible with true Christian life is still more untenable.

"Wine maketh glad the heart of man." Is making glad the heart of man a wrong thing to do?

Does the Prohibition fanatic ever stop to consider that in his wholesale condemnation of the use of stimulants he is exercising the function of a reproofing mentor to the Great Master and Head of the Body of the Christian Church?

When, in the simplest manner possible, the "Man who was without sin" inaugurated that institution which has become the most universal, the most solemn, and the most heart-thrilling of all institutions, divine or human, He gave to His disciples Wine. Some of the fanatics of today have turned that great institution into a sham and a mockery and on every occasion on which they "do this in remembrance of Him," they practically tell their Saviour that He Himself was a sinner because He gave to His disciples wine. Is it astonishing that the churches are losing their

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