

eighty-five per cent of the loss, indirectly of course, but it will come out of his pocket all the same. And will whisky be kept out of the country? Not a bit of it! With some three thousand miles of Yankeedom lying along our Southern boundary, all the able-bodied men of the Dominion were they to be strung along that boundary, would not be able to keep whisky out of the country; while illicit stills would abound in every direction. At the same time, the whole community would be in constant turmoil, quarrels and disturbance would prevail from the Atlantic to the Pacific; and the terrible struggle would throw society back half a century. Strung as Canada is like a thin strip along the frontier of the United States, prohibition means the transfer of the liquor trade from this country to Uncle Sam's territories, and the cause of temperance would only recede instead of advancing, and because all influential public sentiment would soon cease to be at its back.

But farmers would suffer also in various other ways. When they travel to market now the country tavern gives them food for themselves, and accommodation for their horses, at very moderate rates. The Scott Act will close up all these places. In market towns farmers can get their dinner and a stall for their horses for twenty-five cents. When the Scott Act passes the town taverns will have to close up or double their rates, and the farmers will suffer no small inconvenience in this direction. But this is not all.—When the license revenue disappears, and the Scott Act comes to be enforced, and there will be no fund to enforce it, the License Inspectors' salaries and expenses will still have to be paid; and while the Ontario Government will only pay one-third of those expenses, the local tax-payers will have to pay the other two-thirds. And our farming friends will find also that they will have a good deal more to pay before they get through; and the question of direct taxation, not only for the Dominion but also for Provincial purposes, will be the burning one for them, by-and-bye, just as it is in the United States at this moment. Let prohibition become the law of the land, and the lightly taxed Canadian Farmer will no longer exist amongst us as hitherto. Out of the total loss to the public revenue, of some eight million dollars each year, Farmers will have to pay eighty-five per cent of the whole loss, or \$6,800,000, independent of various other burdens which must necessarily be imposed on the property of the country.

This article, designed for the information of our farming friends, is as long as our space will permit, and we must now bring it to a close. Our figures and statistics are all derived from Dominion or Ontario Blue Books, or from sources otherwise beyond dispute. We have made no attempt to cook them up in any way. We have endeavored to put them before our readers in the simplest and plainest form so that they might be easily understood, and we now leave our farming friends to work them all out for themselves, and to make up their minds what they had better do. Of one thing they may rest assured, and that is that Prohibition, local or general,