

more stringent provisions were enacted concerning sales of liquor to habitual drunkards. And a provision was for the first time enacted, to the effect that there should be only one bar-room in licensed premises. In that same year we have a very important provision forbidding the sale of liquor on ferry boats; and in the same statute additional penalties were imposed for refusing lodging on the part of those who held liquor licenses. In this year, also, we passed a clause forbidding the sale of liquors to parties under the age of sixteen years. I may observe that that is the age in some States of the Union now. We are again dealing with that question, and perhaps there is no more important provision in the bill I am asking the House to consider than the provisions relating to minors. In that same year, the license fees were again increased, and very influential men and thoughtful men, who give great attention to social questions, believe that is a considerable advantage from a temperance standpoint, to increase from time to time, the fees which liquor licensees pay either to the Government or to municipalities.

#### Penalties, Sales to Minors.

In 1886 the penalties were once again increased; and in that year an inspector was appointed for the province to audit accounts, to investigate complaints and attend to other duties assigned to him. I need say nothing further about it, inasmuch as this appointment is discussed in this House every session, and we are not all agreed concerning it. In that same year, the frequenters of bar-rooms on Saturday nights and Sundays were made liable to arrests, and those who, without licenses, dealt in liquors, were made liable to severe penalties. It was also provided in that year that in the rural municipalities, one Justice of the Peace sitting alone, could hear cases arising out of illegal infractions of the law. Two years thereafter, additional legislation was made for enforcing the Scott Act, and in 1889, still further provisions were enacted against those who purchased liquor in unlicensed places. In 1890, most valuable and most important provisions were added to our license laws by way of instalments. One of these, and not the least important, in this: that new applicants for licenses, for premises not under license, were required to produce certificates signed by a majority of the electors. In that year, it was provided that no vessel could hold a license for selling liquor; penalties were again increased for selling