

getting in the drug stores patent medicines containing from 20 to 40 per cent. alcohol, or buying whiskey from the blind pigs or from the hundreds of the pocket peddlers.

In the last four and a half years alone, not counting the previous period, there have been 1,282 drunks arrested in New Glasgow, and 218 arrests of blind piggers and pocket peddlers. A large number of these were convicted. Several hundred of these arrests were of boys or young men between the ages of 15 and 22.

These are the figures for New Glasgow only, as entered on the books of the stipendiary magistrate, and do not include the arrests in the adjacent towns. A considerable number of the blind piggers have been and are married women and widows. Of these 1,282 arrests for drunkenness in New Glasgow, 148 were of men who came from prohibition Prince Edward Island. The total number of arrests for all offences in New Glasgow during the last four and a half years has been 1,798.

Prohibition and Crime.

Prohibition and crime flourish together in this city of 7,000 people, as well as in the contiguous towns. The population here is largely Scotch-Canadian; of the miners only a small percentage are Belgians, Norwegians and other nationalities.

"The illicit vendors," said Chief of Police Daniel Chisholm of New Glasgow, "are peddling the cheapest stuff they can get. They buy this vile liquor, supposed to be Scotch whiskey, at \$6 a case, and sell it at \$1.25 and \$1.50 per bottle. It comes here in disguise in every conceivable form—in flour barrels, groceries, packing boxes and numerous other guises.

"There are at least twenty young fellows in the business of regularly peddling this