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Notes and Comments.



FROM statistics compiled from the Government blue books, we learn that the National Drink Bill for 1890, amounted to \$37,885 258 00, and the number of gallons consumed, 22,548, 044. Divid-

ing these amounts by the figures representing the population of the Dominion at the last census, we find that the direct per capita expenditure for drink was about \$7.85, and the direct per capita consumption nearly 4½ gallons. To this add the tax levied for the maintenance of jails, reformatories, asylums, etc., and we have something which ought to startle every temperance man throughout the Dominion, into greater activity. As those interested in the cause of temperance will have a chance now to do a little for the cause they uphold, let us have a vigorous rally and elect candidates pledged to prohibition. If Manitoba will set the example, the other provinces will follow.

It must be very gratifying to the shareholders of the C. P. R. to see the way land sold this spring. For a few weeks the land department had a regular boom, during which time thousands of acres changed hands. This is a good healthy sign, and if straws show which way the wind blows, this will give us a pretty good idea of what faith people have in the country.

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It has been said that the Dominion Government intend abolishing the offices of the different immigration agents very soon, in order to save expense.

We do not know how hard up the Government are for funds, but if they have to do away with such an important branch of the service, as the immigration department, the treasury must be pretty low. We would suggest a special tax be levied on whiskey and tobacco, sufficient to maintain the present staff until such times as we get a few more settlers in the country, to help us pay off our national debt. We hope the Government will think twice before taking such an important step, as the future of our country depends on what we