

helped instead of hindered, is forcibly corroborated by statements made by many of the world's ablest financiers. The following paragraphs are taken from speeches made by two eminent British Chancellors of the Exchequer.

W. E. Gladstone. Gentlemen, you need not give yourselves any trouble about the revenue. The question of revenue must never stand in the way of needed reforms. Besides, with a sober population, not wasting their earnings, I shall know where to obtain the revenue.

Sir Stafford Northcote. If the revenue diminishes from increased habits of temperance the amount of wealth such a change would bring to the nation would utterly throw into the shade the amount of revenue that is now derived from the spirit duty; and we should not only see with satisfaction a diminution of the revenue from such a cause, but should find in various ways that the Exchequer would not suffer from the losses which it might sustain in that direction.

Sir A. T. Galt, Sir Leonard Tilley, Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Hon. Geo. E. Foster and many other Canadian statesmen have as forcibly expressed the same views. The last named gentleman on one occasion, after setting out the vast drain that the liquor-traffic had made upon the country during a number of preceding years, added these words:

The wonder is that with such terrible waste our country enjoys any prosperity. If this waste could be made to cease, Canada in ten years would not know herself, so prosperous and wealthy would she have grown.

Speaking on another occasion of the probable results of Prohibition upon the national revenue, he said:

Although direct receipts from this traffic would certainly be expunged from our revenue, still the improvement in the general commerce of the country, the improvement in the general welfare and well-being of our community, would be so great that the receipts in all other branches of our revenues would be increased correspondingly, and there would practically, after the first year or so, not be any diminution whatever in our revenues from our tax-payers.

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