

be dared to jump across a ditch, or some other such trifling thing. They are dared to smell this stuff—a small quantity of it on a knife or spoon, and in that way the first step is taken. Before my remarks are finished, I hope, with proper reluctance and due regard to the dignity of this House, to describe to you the depths to which addicts to the drug can go and to point out that one of the chief causes of this terrible traffic arises out of the intercourse between China and Canada and through the medium of the Chinese who are engaged in it.

I received a letter last week from the secretary of the Asiatic Exclusion League of Canada, the honorary president of which is Brigadier General A. D. McRae. In his concluding words referring to the illegal drug traffic, the secretary says:

Here we have a disease, one of many directly traceable to the Asiatic. Do away with the Asiatic and you have more than saved the souls and bodies of thousands of young men and women who are yearly being sent to a living hell and to the grave though their presence in Canada.

We have received certain information through the police officials. In Okalla prison, the largest in British Columbia, during the spring of 1921 out of 320 inmates 110 were drug addicts. As I mentioned a moment ago, the citizens' committee, at the head of which is one of the best known citizens of Vancouver, employed nurses and detectives in their investigations. One of the men who assisted them was a theatre owner, an actor by profession and a man philanthropically disposed, who took advantage of his talent and ability as an actor to disguise himself in the dress of a drug addict. He went about Vancouver and other cities as well, and in that way he gained the confidence of some of the men engaged in this traffic and discovered things that the police would not have found out in a thousand years. He found that within a block of his own theatre he could buy, in an illegal way, large quantities of narcotic drugs from Chinese who carried on the business in their laundries, tailor shops, jewelry shops and establishments of that kind.

The results of these findings are exceedingly interesting. It was found that much of the illegal drug importation comes from China and Japan and that the drug traffic was increasing all over Canada. The police reports that we have gathered corroborate that. The drugs are usually retailed in Chinese stores, laundry or tailor shops, and many other kinds of establish-

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ments. Now, in order that the House may be apprised of the extent to which this work is undertaken and the terrible condition of affairs brought about by it—and it applies not only to Vancouver; these drug addicts move all over the North American continent; we found the trade was carried on in all cities right through to Halifax—I will give you some actual cases. I will not, of course, give the names, but I will state the facts in the best manner that I can, considering the nature of the cases.

One girl of sixteen became a user of morphine and cocaine and was associated with Chinese, Japanese and Hindus. She appeared before the committee of investigation and on that very morning she had yielded to Chinese, Japanese and Hindus in order to gain \$5.50 with which to purchase drugs. I have here a list of several pages of individual cases which were investigated, and the facts were not only testified to by the addicts themselves but confirmed by corroborative evidence. A girl of twenty-three, through the use of morphine and cocaine, had a child by a Chinaman named Pete Kong, a notorious Chinese drug peddler. She injected morphine into the infant with a hypo needle until it died—her mind being so distorted. I am only giving some of the cases from this list which it is possible to divulge under the circumstances. It was found that the traffic was indulged in not only by persons who might be designated as among the lower classes, the uninformed or uneducated classes, but through the machinations of this organization people from the very best families became addicts. Here is the case of a woman who was a clergyman's daughter, accomplished in music, well educated. She is a subject of morphine and cocaine; she is associated with Chinamen, and at present is serving a jail sentence. There is a large list of names here, but I will conclude with one case, that of a man who is related to one of the best known public men in Canada. He served with the Princess Pats overseas, was badly wounded, and on his return to Vancouver got into the Chinese quarter and became a dope fiend; now his business is going around and carrying out a function known as "filling orders". A telephone message comes in giving a certain order, and he goes out and fills it—administers a hypodermic injection for which he charges a dollar, or something of that kind. I have a case here of another woman who actually spends from \$10 to \$30 a day for drugs, and a Chinaman named J. J. Wing secured