

THE MAINE LIQUOR LAW.

SUCCESS OF PROHIBITION.

From the Alliance News, June 22, 1872.

We have been favoured with a large batch of testimonies to the working and results of the Prohibitory Liquor Laws of Maine. These have been called forth by the adverse statements recently made in the House of Commons and the House of Lords, and also in the London and provincial press, especially in connection with the recent debate on the motion for the second reading of Sir Wilfrid Lawson's Permissive Bill.

From His Excellency, Sydney Perham, Governor of Maine.

Executive Department, Augusta, Maine, June 3, 1872.

Dear Sir:—In answer to your enquiry in regard to the effect of the Maine Law upon the liquor trade in this State, I think it is safe to say that it is very much less than before the enactment of the law, probably not one-tenth as large. In some places liquor is sold secretly in violation of law, as many other offences are committed against the statutes, and the peace and good order of society; but in large districts of the state, the traffic is nearly or quite unknown, where formerly it was carried on like any other trade.

Very respectfully yours,

To General Neal Dow.

SYDNEY PERHAM, Governor of Maine.

From the Mayor, Ex-Mayors, &c., Portland, Maine,

Portland, May 28, 1872.

As to the diminution of the liquor traffic in the state of Maine and particularly in this city, as the result of the adoption of the policy of prohibition, we have to say that the traffic has fallen off very largely. In relation to that there cannot possibly be any doubt. Many persons with the best means of judging, believe that the liquor trade is not now one-tenth as large as it was formerly. We do not know but such an opinion is correct, but content ourselves with saying that the diminution of the trade is very great, and the favorable effects of the policy of prohibition are manifest to the most casual observer.

BENJ. KINGSBURY, Jr., Mayor.

W. M. THOMAS, Ex-Mayor.

AUG. E. STEVENS, Ex-Mayor.

J. T. MCCOBB, Ex-Mayor.

JACOB McLELLAN, Ex-Mayor.

From Ex Mayor Putman

Portland, Maine, May 29, 1872.

My Dear Sir:—I have had good opportunities of observing the condition of the state compared with other states where there are no prohibitory laws, and I am certain that the rural portions of Maine are, and