

The Hon. R. C. Pitman, Judge of the Supreme Court, illustrating from a particular locality, shows an increase of 68 per cent in the number of crimes and 140 per cent in cases of drunkenness under license laws as compared with Prohibition.

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The Hon. Wm. Fox, ex-Prime Minister of New Zealand, in a speech recently delivered in London, England, refers thus to his personal investigations during a six weeks tour in Maine and Vermont.—“The effect of Prohibition on the general condition of the people is truly marvellous, a total absence, externally, at all events, of all those vices and crime, which you meet with amongst drinking populations, which is very agreeable and very surprising.”

In Maine, under Prohibition, the convictions for crime, in a single year, numbered 1 for every 1869 souls, while in the State of New York, leaving out the City, under the License system, the number of convictions was 1 in 620.

The Citizens of New York and Brooklyn had passed, in 1865, what is known as the “Metropolitan Excise Law.” It was a Sunday Prohibitory Liquor Law and lasted two years and seven months. After this law had been in operation 13 months, the arrests on the Sabbath numbered 2,514. Those arrested on the Tuesday were 6,021, being 3,507 more, though previous to the enactment of the Law, they were about equal. “From January 1st, 1867, to October 1st, 1868, there were 5,263 Sunday arrests to 11,034 Tuesday arrests, showing an excess of 5,771 in favour of Prohibition.”

Generally speaking when the Liquor places are in full blast on the Sabbath (and how strange that THEY should be open on this sacred day, when other places of legitimate business are closed,)—there is, by reason of the people being idle, an excess of crime over the other days of the week. These figures are therefore the more remarkable, revealing the prolific parent of crime. During all the time of the operation of this Law, the Sabbath was quiet and peaceable, free from disorderly scenes and Bacchanalian revels. The testimony of Ministers, Religi-