

12386a. If we had a prohibitory law do you believe you would lose three-fourths of the value of that establishment?—Fully. What could we do with all the bottles, casks and barrels? What could we do with all our plant? It would be useless, and the building itself would be worthless.

*By Rev. Dr. McLeod :*

12387a. You speak of the bottles. Are they a very large item?—Yes.

12388a. Made where?—Principally in Germany.

12389a. So that the money for them goes out of the country?—Goes out of the country.

12390a. Where do you buy your hops chiefly?—We buy hops all over the world—in Bavaria, in Germany, in England, in the United States, and in Canada.

12391a. Where do you buy the largest quantity?—The largest quantity are Canadian hops.

12392a. Has that always been so?—Yes, as far as I know.

12393a. And your barley?—It is all Canadian, every pound of it. It is the best we can get.

*By the Chairman :*

12394a. Was your business at all affected by the passage of the by-laws putting in force the Scott Act in various counties in Ontario?—I cannot say that it was.

12395a. Did it interfere with it in any way?—I do not think it did, to my present recollection.

12396a. Had you a trade with those counties before the passage of the Act?—Yes.

12397a. And it continued?—Yes.

*By Rev. Dr. McLeod :*

12398a. Did you have to ship in any different form into those counties?—No.

12399a. I think we had the statement from one gentleman that it was shipped in flour barrels, and that the card of the company was not on the barrel?—My recollection is that we shipped as usual. Sometimes people prefer having bottled ale shipped in barrels—three or four dozen in a barrel. I think we shipped in about the usual way.

12400a. Was there any increase or decrease that you remember?—I do not think there was.

12401a. Was your business large in those counties prior to the Scott Act?—No, not very large.

12402a. Was the liquor shipped to persons for sale or to private parties for family use?—A good deal to private parties, some for sale.

The Commission adjourned.