

From among a number of cases given by the writer we select the following which reveal

### Provincial Conditions that Should be Intolerable.

In our Church we have a department of moral and social reform for removing hindrances to the extension of the Kingdom, and surely in British Columbia we have some hindrances in facts like the following: In one town with a population of 8,000 we have 28 places licensed to sell liquor and 9 houses in the red light district. In another town with a population of about 2,400 we have 12 liquor licenses and a vice area of 4 recognized houses of ill-fame. Here the keepers are fined \$10 a month and the inmates \$5 a month and then each month let go until they are brought up the next month, constituting one of the regular sources of public income. The inmates are also medically certified. In another town of 5,000 inhabitants there are 13 places licensed to sell liquor but what can you expect with their city council, made up as follows: The Mayor is an hotel keeper, and by virtue of being Mayor he, a saloon keeper, is Chairman of the Police Board and also the License Board. One alderman is proprietor of another hotel selling liquor (an Italian resort.) He also keeps a livery stable, which, of course, profits from the liquor and red light district. Another alderman is a liquor seller and the rest are absolutely sympathetic.

In the North and along the Grand Trunk Pacific I am told things are as bad as they can well be and largely because the authorities *will not* enforce the laws.

In many places the business men have requested that the towns be left more or less open. At a meeting in the Kootenay region where Mr. Henderson was speaking against liquor and vice, one man got up and replied: "But what would we do if we stamped these things out? Where would our public revenue come from?" Mr. Henderson replied: "Do you mean to tell me in this civilized age, this 20th century of Christianity we must pave our streets, put up our public buildings and educate our children from the proceeds of the vice of our citizens?"

It is perhaps not generally known that in Vancouver something like \$4,000 was collected in fines in one year from dissolute women. Of large numbers brought up in the police court, so far as I could find out, not one was committed to jail, not one was treated as a criminal.

### The Indifference of Parents Condemned.

There are some things so far removed from the lives of decent, normal people as to be absolutely unbelievable by them. Do you know that every day in our city, every day in our province, things are being done to drag down, to entrap, to degrade our sons and our daughters, things done by men, which in comparison would make the