

men outside their own home—facilities for treating a crony met by good fortune in the street near by, and at the same time a number of men who are not consumers of alcohol for its own sake are removed from the temptation to visit blind pigs and to create a new social rendezvous in the vicinity.

Under the heading of ameliorative measures mention must be made of the vast possibilities of assistance to the successful working of prohibition from the establishment of municipal recreation centres, garden cities, gymnasia, and above all things, adequate housing conditions, for nothing drives a man to drink so readily as squalid, unwholesome homes such as are found, a blot upon Canadian civilization, in the slum districts of our large towns.

These measures may provide for the urban communities, but the problems of the betterment of rural life are to-day of more profound importance for the future of the country. From the beginnings of settlement in Canada the local hotel and its bar room have been the real nerve centres of the whole rural community. There the inhabitants met to transact business or discuss local problems and wide political issues; there were the "deals" put through, the disputes settled, the lodge meetings held, and the organization of life