

greater than formerly. Now the quantity of liquor sold at the three drug stores in Halton, according to official report, was 16½ barrels in 8 months, and this was considered so much in excess of the legitimate sales for the purpose allowed that the licenses were withdrawn. In Milton he found that the quantity sold in 1883 was 35½ barrels, and calculating the same proportion for the other towns there would be about 31 barrels sold in Halton, including Oakville, during the year under the Scott Act. But before the Act there were 42 licensed taverns in the county, at every one of which the sale of liquor was openly pushed. Now if these licensed houses made average sales of only six barrels a month there would be 72 barrels sold in Oakville alone or more than 40 barrels in excess of what is now sold all over the county. He would be told that this was not a fair way of stating the facts because some hotel keepers had sold liquor illicitly. He was aware of that and so were the hotel-keepers, for they had to pay smartly for it. [Laughter.] But if this illegal selling were taken into account does anyone for a moment believe that the sales would be equal to, or in any degree compare with the open sale in hotels all over the county. As to crime there was abundant evidence that it had greatly diminished under the Scott Act. The County Fair held in Milton was so conspicuous for the sobriety of the people that it made many converts in favor of the Act who had voted against it. He had been told repeatedly by people who knew whereof they spoke that many who voted against the Act would vote for it in future, and one person said it had saved him from \$100 to \$300 in treating alone, and offered another one a bet of \$1,000 that the Act would not be repealed. The rev. gentleman dealt ably with the moral and criminal aspect of the question, showing from official statistics that there had been a large decrease in crime in the county since the Act came into operation.

MR. F. S. SPENCE rejoiced in the position in which he found himself to-night. In moral and intellectual progress, Canada is the banner country of the world, Ontario is the banner