

be difficulty and labor at first; but in the city of Toronto there is a sufficient number of Prohibitory Law men to fairly support such a Law if we had it; but it must be a strong one. If the Law is mistified and not clear, so that all could understand it, it would then fail. But give us a clear, strong, sensible Law, and I have no fear but that in 20 years the Government would be out of debt most assuredly, and not one pauper or prisoner to where there are now ten. Some years ago when there was a Bill before the House for a Maine Liquor Law, there were 180,000 persons petitioned for it, and I have no doubt that two-thirds of the householders are in favour of it now.

4th. The effect it had on the State of Maine worked well for some time, but its friends relaxed their energy, and the opponents got new men in power who repealed the law; and the liquor dealers sprang up like mushrooms. Crime and misery returned to such a fearful extent that, in about five months, the people of the State became aroused like a lion bereaved of her young, and at one sweep sent all the Members out of the House who voted for the repeal, and re-enacted the law stronger than ever; and it is now a blessing to the people of the State.

I have travelled through six States which now have the Maine Law—they are all doing well—the State of Minnesota has embodied it in the constitution on becoming a State. It is not entirely carried out in any of the States, but it is increasing, and the people are generally satisfied with it; there is no class of people so much benefitted by the law as the liquor dealers themselves. It has been ascertained to a demonstration that three-fourths of the dealers themselves were ruined by the traffic, and often their families. I visited their jails, some were without a prisoner, some had one or two; and Judges, Juries, Magistrates, Lawyers and Jailers, had little to do in those States.

5th. As to the power of the municipalities of restraining the sale of it, I reply, in answer, that the Township of York exer-