

REPORT OF LOUIS P. KRIBS

IN CONNECTION WITH

The Canadian Royal Commission on the Liquor Traffic



To Sir Joseph Hickson and the Members of the Royal Commission on the Liquor Traffic :

When Parliament appointed the Royal Commission on the liquor traffic the distillers and brewers of Canada decided upon having their interests represented before that body through an agent. I was selected for the position and have since, through the courtesy of your hon. body accompanied the Commission throughout all its travels. With your permission I shall now give you the results of my observations and investigations, being careful not to repeat evidence already upon your records.

QUESTION I.

The first question submitted for consideration in Her Majesty's Commission, viz., ((1) The effects of the liquor traffic upon all interests affected by it in Canada) is so broad as to be somewhat indefinite. However, the first effect of the traffic is, I take it to be, the establishment of an enormous industry throughout the Dominion. I have spent a good deal of time, hard work and money in an endeavor to take such a census of the trade as will give us accurate and reliable data in this respect. I took for the purpose the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1892, and have to submit the following results :

DISTILLERIES.

There are seven distilleries in Canada, to be found in the Inland Revenue divisions of Toronto, Windsor, Prescott, Guelph, Belleville, Hamilton and Halifax. In some of the succeeding statements reference will be found to the Perth division as well. This will only be, however, where comparisons are made over a term of years—the Perth manufactories being but very small concerns. Having first then reference to the product of these establishments :—

The following is a memo. showing quantities of spirits manufactured in the various Inland Revenue Divisions of Canada from the 1st July, 1882 to 30th June, 1892 ; being a period of 10 years.

	Gallons.
Toronto	19,920,570.50
Windsor	15,188,535.98
Prescott	4,905,536.63
Guelph	2,529,773.48
Belleville	1,379,402.99
Hamilton	1,036,479.68
Perth	128,491.18
Halifax	757,025.10
Miscellaneous	46,941.48

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