

Many Blind Pigs.

"There are at least ten blind pigs here that we know about, and there are undoubtedly many more of which we have no knowledge. The liquor sold here is largely gin. All of the mild drinks, such as beer and light wines, have been completely driven out, and the cheapest and most intoxicating kind of gin is sold. The blind piggers and pocket peddlers buy it for 40 cents the bottle, and sell it at \$1 the bottle. Fully 65 per cent. of our drunks come from the Scott Act rural districts where there are open bars in the towns."

In the Town of Shediac, 18 miles west of Moncton, in Westmoreland County, there are eight wide-open bars, and this in a population of 2,000, making an illicit bar for every 250 inhabitants. In license Toronto, it may here be parenthetically explained, the law at present allows one bar for every 3,750 inhabitants. In the Town of Sackville, 38 miles east of Moncton, in Westmoreland County, there are five or six illicit wide-open bars. Sackville has a population of 3,000, and, it may be remarked, is a college town.

All of these and other conditions prevail in the Scott Act County of Westmoreland. Along the north shore, in Northumberland County, also under the Scott Act, conditions are still worse. The north shore region is a lumbering and pulp and paper manufacturing district.

Dozen Open Bars.

In both the towns of Chatham and Newcastle the principal places in Northumberland County, there are open bars, fully a dozen in both places, it is authoritatively reported. Both places swarm with blind piggers and pocket pedlars. Of the 165 convictions for drunkenness a year and the 51 convictions