

speaking of the measure in the highest terms, and would sacrifice considerable rather than return to license conditions. I have no knowledge of a single exception, and almost without exception our merchants testify to a substantial increase in business on a better cash basis, also to the payment of old accounts written off as worthless under the license system.

Ladies can now travel our streets without having their ears assailed

by foul and profane language, such as only drunken men use.

Comparatively speaking, there is no liquor sold now as compared with license days, and I am quite satisfied that there is no more sold under Local Option than was illegally sold under license. We have the same number of hotels now as under license, and the accommodation is very much improved.

Prohibition in Prince Edward Island

Prince Edward Island is the one Province in the Dominion of Canada in which the total prohibition of retail liquor-selling is an accomplished fact. The Canada Temperance Act was in force for many years in every part of this Province, but was not always in force in the city of Charlottetown, where the liquor traffic was comparatively strong, and from which liquor was sold for delivery in those places in which no local sale was permitted.

There was also a general opinion that more effective law enforcement would be secured if the details of the law were enacted by the Local Legislature, in which local conditions were better understood, and which had full control of the enforcing machinery.

The Legislature, therefore, passed a prohibitory law for the Province, and the temperance electors in the different counties deliberately voted for the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act, in order to allow the other measure to come into operation in every part of the Province.

The conditions that prevail under the new law will be pretty well understood by the perusal of the following article, lately published in the Charlottetown Guardian, the principal daily

newspaper of the Province, and one which is thoroughly reliable and very influential.

The law has proved to be most beneficial in this city. In the old days with 2,000 less people we kept sixteen policemen. Now we have but six—one on duty at the police station at night, another there by day, and only two patrolmen on duty by day and two by night about the city.

All the evils predicted to result from prohibition have failed to materialize. It was said prohibition would only lead to more drunkenness; that we should have no decent hotels; that it would injure trade, and so on. We have reduced the arrests for drunkenness to one-fourth or one-fifth of what they were under license; trade is better and larger, payments more prompt, we have better hotels, better streets and sidewalks, better fire and light service than ever before.

Doubters have been convinced and former opponents converted to prohibition. The law has the support of all the better element among the people, and of the clergy, Protestant and Catholic alike. "It has made good." No political party and no man of either party among our thirty members of the Legislature has in seven years past, or will now, propose to repeal it.

Year after year it has been strengthened by amendments proposed by the temperance people. The inspector in