

6. That the authorities made no more serious attempt to enforce the liquor law than the Criminal Code, and that these women were prosecuted for engaging in this illicit trade in liquor about four times a year and uniformly fined \$100 and costs, which thus amounted to a price paid for permission to carry on for the year these dens and dives.

7. That the whole business was "strongly suggestive of graft."

Dr. Shearer on oath accepted as substantially correct the interviews published in the Globe and Mail and Empire excepting headlines, for which he disclaimed all responsibility, and some of which he pronounced false or exaggerated.

He reiterated these charges before the Judge, claimed that they had been more than substantiated by the responsible officials themselves, namely, the Mayor, Magistrates, Police Commissioners and Chief of Police, each and all of whom he charged before the Commission with dereliction of duty and violation of their oath of office.

The investigation began November 24th and concluded December 10th, 1910, the Commissioner's report being submitted on January 11th, 1911.

The following are the findings of Judge Robson, given at the end of his report in his own language.

THE FINDINGS OF JUDGE ROBSON.

The Judge concludes his report in these words:

"In the result, I have to report:

"1. That the charges as to vice in Winnipeg appearing as headings to the newspaper items in question are not true.