
CALEDONIA COUNTY—Population, 23,595

In 1855, Joseph Ide, Esq., Justice of the Peace, St. Johnsbury Centre, wrote :—
 “I can only say that the jail in this county was tenantless in December last; I believe there are now two prisoners incarcerated, and that for passing counterfeit money. Our penitentiaries contained at the time of the report of the Commission in 1853, a little over ninety convicts; the report in 1854, reduces the number to a little over sixty.

I believe that crime throughout the State has diminished since the passing of the Maine Liquor Law in a much greater proportion, than what is indicated by the above statements in reference to this county.”

The grand jury of Burlington, in their presentment in 1855, said :—“ We would also say that we feel highly gratified to find the jail destitute of inmates, a circumstance attributable, we believe, to the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors.”

In 1874, Governor Convers, said :—“ The law has been in force about twenty-two years; I consider it a very desirable law; I think the law itself educates and advances public sentiment in favour of temperance; there is no question about the decrease in the consumption of liquor; I speak from personal knowledge, having always lived in the State.”

Judge Peck, Governor-elect, said :—“ I think the influence of the law has been salutary in diminishing drunkenness and disorders arising therefrom, and also crime generally.”

D. W. Dudley, County Jailer for Washington County, with a population of 26,520, gave the committals to the County Jail for year ending :—

| | Drunkenness. | | Other Crimes. | | Total. |
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| October, 1872..... | 25 | | 24 | | 49 |
| “ 1873..... | 25 | | 22 | | 47 |
| “ 1874..... | 22 | | 18 | | 40 |
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| | 68 | | 68 | | 136 |
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Average of drunkenness, 1 in 390; average of other crimes, 1 in 390; total population of the State, 330,551; amount of spirit taxes for 1873, \$19,063.00; average amount per head, 5 cents. Prohibition is considered the settled policy of the State.

The following documents was also placed in the hands of your Commissioners, and its pertinence to the subject of their enquiry, is their apology for inserting it in their report :—“ In 1864, by a special Act of the Legislature of New Jersey, the citizens of the settlement of Vineland (first settled in 1861) were empowered to vote upon license or no license. From the beginning of the settlement, in 1861, no traffic in intoxicating beverages had been allowed; a very large majority of the votes have