

end of a year by \$39,879,854 than they would have been if the traffic had continued. In ten years the change will make a difference of more than \$400,000,000 in the wealth of the community.

Here lies the answer to the question "What about the revenue?" It is hard to collect money from people who are poor. We make revenue-raising easier by making people better off. The Toronto Globe of May 19th, 1897, states the case forcibly in the following paragraph :--

Taxation paying power depends not on the number of items in the tariff, but on the number and wealth of the people. Consequently the fiscal result of Prohibition is to be judged by the answer to this question: "Will it increase or diminish the taxable wealth of the people?" If wealth is increased, the expense of Government, as of everything else, can be more readily borne.

The liquor traffic robs us of much more than the amount which the liquor consumed costs. It has been shown that through intemperance we lose yearly more than \$100,000,000 additional in various indirect ways. Prohibition would enrich our country, and the richer country would yield a richer revenue.

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Much of the money saved from drink would be expended for other goods that pay duties, and here would be new revenue at once. An English Parliamentary Report shows that in the years of the Irish famine when the Government closed the distilleries, the people of Ireland bought more tea, sugar, clothing, hardware, etc. than in the years of plenty and a greatly increased revenue was collected on these goods. When the great Father Matthew temperance revival reached its height the yearly revenue from liquor was vastly reduced, but the total yearly revenue collected was £90,000 sterling above the average.

It might be needful for Parliament to plan to meet the revenue deficit for a year or two, but soon we would find a rising revenue flowing in from a happier and wealthier people. It is easy to pay taxes when there is plenty of money to pay with.

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Various methods have been suggested by which the revenue now derived from the liquor traffic may be at once replaced when prohibition is enacted. It is not the purpose of this tract