

the misfortune to be treated as common enemies, merely because they are poor, and differ in the colour of their skin. I however feel it an imperative duty to preserve the memory of this interesting people, who must soon feel the sad effects of that exterminating decree which avarice has sent forth against them.

As far as relates to those Indians who infest the streets and wharves of Halifax, I am of opinion, that many of them can never be effectually reclaimed, without the interposition of that Almighty Power who "is not willing that any should perish." I have nevertheless a thorough conviction, that even those miserable outcasts may be in some measure rendered useful to the community, as several of the most depraved of the men, have not only been actively employed in clearing and cultivating land at the Settlement at Shubenacadie for several months, but have during that time abstained altogether from the use of spirituous liquors; and surely when we have the most indubitable and respectable authority, that we have introduced the demoralizing habit of drinking among them, they are at least entitled to our commiseration.

ROBERTSON says "the people of North America when first discovered, were not acquainted with any intoxicating drink, but as the Europeans early found it their interest to supply them with spirituous liquors, drunkenness soon became as universal among them, as among their countrymen to the South."

CAPTAIN SMITH in his account of the North American Indians, published in the Annual Register in 1784 says, "But the truth is they are corrupted by the whites; for they copy after, and fall into our vices; these appearing in the most conspicuous point of view: and I am afraid that our external virtues are so few, and even these so difficult to be discovered, that the poor Indians cannot distinguish any of them to follow after."

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greatest rank and talent in the country. Alas poor Indian, when a college education shall have been perverted to so base a purpose!