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the most efficient system of dealing with the liquor trade (24022); places of amusement in the city should be multiplied, as they reduce drunkenness (24023-6). Prohibition impracticable, not suited to this country; it would not be enforced (24027-29); in Scott Act counties liquor freely sold; no serious attempt made to enforce it (24030-35); in Chicoutimi under Scott Act no difficulty in getting liquor; in Maine drink is obtained whenever required, especially in Portland (24036-25, 24025-52); drunkenness undoubtedly causes great misery, but prohibition would not succeed; public sentiment is not ripe for it and it could not be enforced (24057-61); number of licenses should be reduced, places of amusement increased and encouragement given to the use of light wines (24062-65); temperance encouraged by religious authorities and by united action of citizens (240066-70); sale in Chicoutimi was only to travellers, the bars being under lock and key (24071-76, 24132-39). Local option applicable to Quebec parishes, but not to Montreal or large cities (24077-79); objections to Scott Act (24080-81); prefers prohibition by conviction of the people and not by law (24082-84); light liquors might be sold at Sohmer Park and similar resorts (24085-87, 24253-5); liquor trade does not effect in any way other branches of industry (24088-94); many insolvencies directly due to intemperance (24093-98); use of light wines not inducive to use of strong alcohol (24098-101); restrictive measures work well in rural districts but not in cities (24102-5). Temperance in France (24109-10); prohibition of a mild type does good, but when it assumes the form of law it is more harmful than beneficial (24114-17); impracticable to enforce general prohibition; would not grant compensation to brewers or distillers, if such a law were adopted (24118-19); sale of liquor in groceries should be suppressed (24122-24); license fees already sufficiently high; an increase would not prove a remedy (24125); mild liquors should be sold at pleasure resorts on Sunday, as it would stop Sunday drinking in private houses (24126-29); clerical influence greater in country districts than in cities, where the people are more independent (24140-45).

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The liquor traffic as at present conducted, the issue of licenses seeming to be nearly indiscriminate, has more or less a serious effect upon general business interests (030659). If prohibition were adopted the farmers would be precluded from growing barley, except for feeding purposes; this would be a serious matter, especially in view of the low price of wheat (030666). If the money could be diverted from the liquor trade, no doubt it could be better applied to other purposes (030661). If the liquor business were closed entirely, it would have a very baneful effect on very many interests; the refuse from the manufacture of spirits is used in cattle feeding and there would be a loss thereon; there would also be more or less of trade and commerce affected as a medium of exchange; if the money now invested in the trade were applied in other directions, such as the improvement of agriculture, the country would be materially benefited—yet he did not believe in prohibition (030664). Opposed to prohibition (030664); it would have a bad effect on human nature to enact laws respecting eating, drinking or dressing—it is debilitating (030665); prohibition is undesirable; temperance should begin at home with the children, who should be taught temperance (030666). The desire to limit the drink of the sober by the drunkenness of the drunk is a fad of the prohibitionists (030667); such a law is impossible of enforcement; if people will have liquor, they will get it secretly if necessary, and adulterated liquors will be used (030668). Had been at Portland, Maine, and was asked again and again to go into places and take liquor; another difficulty with prohibition is that it would encourage illicit distilling and smuggling; in Montreal high license would be more effective than prohibition, and a step in the right direction