

both, and with this increase has come an increase of other crimes. During the last three years alone there have been 633 arrests for drunkenness in Moncton—the number rising from 158 in 1910 to 293 last year. The total number of arrests for all offences in these three years has been 1,244, including no less than the large number of 249 convictions of blind piggers and bootleggers for violation of the Scott Act.

Arrests Increase.

Moncton has a good chief of police, who has enforced the law rigidly, and doubtless it is this circumstance that accounts for the great and increasing number of arrests. Yet it is admitted that these arrests for drunkenness comprise those only of persons making themselves offensive on the streets. They do not include the "home drunks." As for the blind piggers and pocket peddlers, they are necessarily hard to detect; the arrests manifestly do not cover the whole of those engaged in the traffic.

Chief of Police George Rideout is one of those officials who try to do their duty honestly and conceal nothing. "Notwithstanding the Scott Act," he said, "there were 23 open bars and 400 drunks in Moncton some years ago. We began to enforce the act sternly, and have continued to do so. There are now no open bars, but blind pigs and pocket peddling are industriously going on in restaurants, private houses, kitchens, shops and stores. You'd be surprised at the extent of the traffic. Shoemakers, butchers, grocers, livery stable men, drug stores, poolroom proprietors and others make profit out of illicit liquor selling, and drygoods and other delivery drivers do a regular business peddling liquor, while on their routes. We have found liquor being peddled in baby carriages.