

drink is greater than the increase of population by percentage, and hence we cannot lay the blame on the foreigner. The use of tobacco is enormously on the increase. The use of tobacco may or may not be considered a sin. It cannot be properly claimed as a necessary, but as an indulgence. Moody said he would not say that a man who used tobacco could not be a Christian, but he would say that he would be a cleaner Christian if he did not use it. In any case we should all be clear in condemning and discouraging the use of cigarettes by young and growing lads. Last year, Canadians consumed 783 millions of cigarettes, being about 196 millions more than the year preceeding. The cigarette is so deadly an agency against the physical and moral well-being that our neighbors to the South call it the "coffin-nail," and large employers of labor decline to employ lads who use it. The increase in the consumption of drink and tobacco means, superficially, an increase in revenue, but when we remember the misery caused by them we must feel that the increase is "blood money." And besides, we recall that the money received by the State for these things has to be more than paid out to counteract or combat their effects. It was the greatest modern financier, to wit, Gladstone, who said, "Give me a sober people and I will find the revenue."