

Liquor Traffic—Ontario.

have not bothered my head about it. If the Chief Justice of Quebec had had as many cases as I have where people are brought before me holding strong views on opposite sides, he would probably come to the conclusion that it would be just as well not to have any decided views.

By Judge McDonald :

11968a. Have you had any experience of a prohibitory law, professing to prohibit the sale of liquor for beverage purposes?—We have never had anything of that sort in Toronto.

11969a. I am asking you whether you ever had any experience of such a law?—How would I have any experience about it.

11970a. That is for you to say. Possibly you have been in counties where such a law has been in force?—Well, if I had I would not know it.

11971a. Then you have never been in any counties in Ontario where the Scott Act was in force, to your knowledge?—I may have been, or may not. I would not know. Most likely I have. I have been in a great many counties.

11972a. Do you know whether you have been in any county where the Scott Act has been in force?—That I could not tell you. If you will tell me the counties where the Act was in force, I can tell you whether I have been in them. I might travel through a district or a county, and would not know whether there was a Scott Act there or not.

11973a. Do you mean that so far as your knowledge goes you have not been in a county where the Scott Act is in force?—I do not mean to say that, because I have been in many counties.

11974a. But I say, so far as your knowledge goes you have not been in a county where the Scott Act was in force?—I cannot tell you whether I have been or not. I have been in a great many counties in Canada.

11975a. Well, so far as your knowledge goes, have you been in a county in which the Scott Act was in force?—Or in which it was not in force?

11976a. No, in which the law was in force in that county?—I do not know of any. But I may have been in a dozen, and would not know it?

11977a. So far as your knowledge goes, you have not been in any?—Most likely I have, because I understand there are a great many Scott Act counties, and I have been in a great many counties.

11978a. Have you been in any county in Ontario at any time in which, so far as your observation went, you had reason to believe there was prohibitory law in force?—I think I have never ordered a drink in a tavern, and I would not know whether they sold liquor or not.

11979a. Have you been in the State of Maine?—Not for a great many years.

11980a. Have you been in the State of Maine within the last forty years?—Well, forty years is a long while.

11981a. I mention that period because the Act has been in force there during that time?—I arrived in Portland once from the old country, and got on a train and came through the State of Maine; and I am not quite sure but that I sailed once from Portland to Halifax. But I made no observations. I would not know whether there was liquor to be sold or not.

11982a. You are not then in a position to give us information as to the working of a prohibitory law in any section?—No. Oh, yes, there was a prohibitory law in the North-west Territories. I was there during the North-west rebellion.

11983a. There was then a prohibitory law in force; how did you find it carried out?—Now, you are asking me something that I do know a little about. Liquor was prohibited there, but it struck me that fellows who wanted it badly, got it.

11984a. It was at the time of the North-west Rebellion?—Yes.

11985a. How far did you go?—I went as far as Humboldt. I was in command of the communication there during the campaign.

11986a. Were you at Regina?—No, I was at Fort Qu'Appelle for two days.

11987a. Were you at Prince Albert?—No; I did not go through Prince Albert. To show you the tricks the men resorted to to get liquor, I may say that my farrier sergeant came to me and asked me to send down for some horse medicine. Of course I