

TABLE V

Counties entirely under Canada Temperance Act in 1887-8

	License		C. T. Act		License	
	1884	1885	1887	1888	1890	1891
Elgin	82	57	0	0	0	0
Kent	26	18	0	0	0	0
Lambton	105	130	38	61	71	47
Lanark	7	6	0	4	5	5
Leeds, etc.	135	80	21	31	58	41
Lennox	20	6	8	7	22	23
Northumberland, etc.	25	26	6	12	38	22
Ontario	0	4	0	0	2	0
Peterboro'	50	27	11	26	45	24
Wellington	49	32	22	21	10	4
	481	386	150	203	379	296

These tables are convincing. It would be impossible to make any fair arrangement of the figures they contain without having evidenced the same fact, that the Canada Temperance Act despite its defects and the difficulties that surrounded its operation, was effective in lessening criminal drunkenness.

New Brunswick.

Official reports concerning jails are not as complete for other provinces as for the Province of Ontario, but there is available concerning the Province of New Brunswick the result of a special inquiry made by the Dominion statistician, Mr. George Johnston, upon the request of the Royal Commission, appointed to investigate the liquor traffic in the year 1892.

The result of an analysis made by the Dominion statistician of the criminal statistics then available, was set out by him in the following statement:

There is in the Province of New Brunswick a group of nine counties whose territorial division have remained the same. These nine counties have been under the Canada Temperance Act for more than ten years. They are all connected geographically. They contain 61 per cent. of the whole population of the province. They have within their borders several flourishing cities and towns, as Fredericton,

Moncton, Woodville, St. Stephen, Milltown, Chatham, Moncton. They seem in every respect a group fairly representative of the whole country. In industries, in religious beliefs, in racial and in general conditions.

In respect to crimes the statistics show that in the ten years 1882-91 (both years included) there were 841 convictions in the province of New Brunswick. In the whole Dominion there were 318,460 convictions, making the mean of population 4,578,810. We have the average of 7,800 convictions per annum for every million of the inhabitants of Canada. In the province of New Brunswick the average is at the rate of 7,112 per million. So that the average during the ten years was about 9 per cent. less than the general average of the Dominion.

We have seen that there were 22,841 convictions in the province during ten years. Divided according to Canada Temperance Act counties and other counties, there were 8,738 in the nine Canada Temperance Act counties and 14,102 in the other counties, or 38.4 per cent. in the nine counties and 61.6 per cent. in the others judged by the criminal statistics. That is to say 61 per cent. of the population had 38½ per cent. of the criminal convictions and 39 per cent. of the population had 61½ per cent. of the crime as indicated by the convictions.

These facts are very forcible. Mr. Johnston might have followed the comparison further. Of the 22,841 convictions, 13,598 were for the offence of