

12351a. Can you tell us the number of men employed by your company?—We have all the year round while brewing fifty-one men; and while malting, that is for about five months, we have sixteen extra; that makes sixty-seven altogether.

12352a. Do you make your own barrels?—No. We employ a cooper to keep them in order.

12353a. Do you buy them in Ontario?—Yes, always.

12354a. Do you use hops?—Yes.

12355a. Do you know what quantity of hops?—No. I think Mr. Blake has all these figures prepared, and I understood he would be here; but he has gone to Montreal.

12356a. Do you find that your output has increased during the last ten years from year to year?—Oh, yes. I fancy the output of all brewers has increased.

12357a. To what do you attribute that?—I attribute it in a great measure to the fact not only during the last ten years, but during the last twenty or twenty-five years the ale brewed in Canada has been growing better in quality; to-day I think it is equal to English ale. Then the people drink more ale and less whisky, and there is not so much drunkenness.

12358a. Is there much consumption of porter?—Yes, a large quantity.

12359a. In case of the enactment of a prohibitory law preventing the manufacture of ale and porter, would the plant and machinery owned by the company with which you are connected be rendered useless?—Oh, completely.

12360a. Would there be any deterioration or loss of other property?—Of course, if a man puts up a brewery it is there as a brewery, and he cannot convert it into a church or a court house; it stands there as a brewery; it is fit for nothing else.

12361a. Have you had any experience of the working of a prohibitory law?—I have seen the working of what was called local option in Pennsylvania.

12362a. In what section of Pennsylvania?—Butler county.

12363a. What was the result?—The result was that there was a great deal more drunkenness there than in other places around, and that you could get any quantity of drink you wanted.

12364a. Is that law still in force?—I am not aware. I have not been there for several years.

12365a. Have you noticed that there has been a growth of temperance sentiment and temperance habit on the part of the people within the last few years?—I cannot say that I have. I should like to answer that question in my own way. I have lived in Toronto since 1833, and although the population is very much larger now than it was then, I am perfectly convinced there is not anything like the amount of drunkenness. I look on the Ontario farmer as a sober man, and I am convinced in my own mind—of course, I am on oath now—that it is due to the consumption of good beer and not drinking so much whisky. There are men about our brewery who never touch beer from one year to another, and who never have touched it.

12366a. Do you believe there has been a large decrease of intemperance in the last few years as the years have gone on?—I do believe it.

12367a. And do you attribute that to the greater consumption of ale?—I attribute it to the drinking of more ale and less whisky.

12368a. You think ale is a wholesome drink, I understand?—I do.

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12369a. Do you regard the whisky business and the beer business as at all related?—I know nothing about the whisky business.

12370a. You do not know that they have any effect on each other?—No.

12371a. Speaking of those men who work in your establishment who do not use any beer, are they users of stronger drinks?—No, they do not touch anything.

12372a. Perhaps you agree with Mr. O'Keefe, then, that an increase in the consumption of beer would make a corresponding decrease in the consumption of whisky?—I believe you cannot make people sober by legislation. I believe that encouragement of the use of good, sound beer and light wines, a strict carrying out of the license law, the total shutting down of all unlicensed houses, would

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