

The Royal Commission sat in Biddeford, Me., on the 6th of July 1893.

- COTÉ, DANIEL**, of Biddeford, City Marshal ..... Page **729**  
 Term of office ; only cases taken before the court appear on the record ; rare cases discharged without being arraigned (9169*b*-9170*b*). Great many places selling slyly ; chemists may sell once in a way ; 84 special taxes in Biddeford (9171*b*-9177*b*). Less drinking now than 25 years ago ; but the same occasions for drinking ; members of the legislature who drink ; good deal of hypocrisy in the question ; open bars in Augusta ; prohibitory law does not increase home drinking ; young men and liquor ; the law is all right except for politics ; strict enforcement keeps men straight (9178*b*-9196*b*).
- CRAM, HON. MR.**, of Biddeford ; Judge of the Municipal Court ..... Page **731**  
 Term of office, previous experience ; hears cases of drunkenness and crime ; there may be some arrests not included in the marshal's report ; drunkenness goes in streaks ; being reduced at present (9197*b*-9203*b*). Divorces, intemperance a factor in all cases (9204*b*-9206*b*). Law not enforced in Biddeford ; fairly well outside ; indications of liquor men being solid with the sheriffs ; the law could drive any man out of the business if it were enforced ; it was enforced in 1884 ; kitchen bar-rooms (9207*b*-9223*b* ; 9233*b*-9243*b*). The majority of the inhabitants do not drink even moderately (9225*b*-9228*b*). The law has not worked satisfactorily in large cities (9230*b*). Little liquor in the homes (9230*b*). Perjury in liquor cases (9230*b*).
- HARMON, CHARLES B.**, of Biddeford, Deputy Sheriff ..... Page **727**  
 Term of office ; large number of seizures ; little liquor sold in Biddeford ; practically none in Saco ; never was and never will be a time when liquor was not sold, no matter what the law ; drunkenness decreased ; law could be enforced (9146*b*-9168*b*).
- STAPLES, EDWARD W.**, Mayor of Biddeford ..... Page **723**  
 Population, offices ; terms of office (9061*b*-9065*b*). Politics prevent the prohibitory law from being of any use ; it does not prohibit ; apothecaries sell ; pocket pedlars, and others, more temperance and less drunkenness (9066*b*-9074*b* ; 9101*b*-9124*b*). Liquor agency ; sales increased ; how ; illegally (9075*b*-9078*b*). Small sales in villages (9079*b*). Dispute over appointments, how the marshal and the police are appointed ; how paid ; sheriffs appointed to spoil votes ; no impartial sheriffs (9080*b*-9095*b* ; 9125*b*-9145*b*). Wants license with local option (9096*b*-9099*b*). Prohibitory law causes home consumption (9100*b*). Prohibition promotes hypocrisy (9121*b*).