

great quantities : this is an evil generally complained of in connection with public works. Nevertheless, some of the Divisions are working well. The Hantsport men, I rejoice to state, have resolved that the poison-traffic shall not be carried on in their settlement, and they mean to abide by their resolution. Success to them !

In King's County the Divisions are making some progress. Those under my personal charge have rescued several from the snare of the destroyer. In other parts of the County there is a commendable degree of zeal, and corresponding prosperity. Canard and Lake Divisions are growing stronger. Aurora Division labours in hope.

There are staunch friends of the Cause in Lunenburg County. And there is great need of them, for, if I am rightly informed, liquor is illegally sold in that county in no fewer than two hundred grogeries. One person has paid upwards of £500 to a Halifax dealer in spirits, during the past year. Temperance effort, therefore, is much needed in that County. The brethren there have much to struggle against, but they are not disheartened. One Division, the Evening Star, No. 97, has admitted females, in the prescribed manner, and the measure has proved attractive.

Annapolis County suffers, I fear, from its proximity to the Bay of Fundy. There is reason to believe that a large amount of liquor is clandestinely introduced. Sons of Temperance and members of other Temperance organizations have abundant scope for their exertions.

The position of Digby County in a Temperance point of view resembles that of the County of Annapolis. In Royal Division, No. 37, arrangements have been made to preserve a record of facts illustrative of the influence of intoxicating drink, in compliance with the resolution of the Grand Division at its last Annual Session. I hope that many such records will be placed in our hands before the close of the year.

I have received no information from the deputies in the Counties of Shelburne, Queens, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough, Sydney, or in Cape Breton. I can only refer you to the statistics contained in the report of the Grand Scribe. In doing so, I cannot but express my deep regret, in which, I am persuaded, all present will participate, that our much-esteemed brother who fills that office so worthily is prevented from meeting us by the impaired state of his health. We shall all