

What would you lose if your business was prohibited?—About \$12,000 in the buildings and fixtures.

Do you employ deleterious drugs to any extent in the manufacture of beer?—Not any, and I am not aware that such drugs are used.

What is your opinion of the policy of a law prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors?—I don't think it would be carried out.

The Committee then adjourned.

ROWLAND BURR, Esquire, of Toronto, then submitted the following, in answer to the five questions of the Committee:

1st. I believe the morals of the public are greatly injured by the use of intoxicating liquors. My experience as a Justice of the Peace and Jail Commissioner for nearly 20 years, shews that 9 out of 10 of the male prisoners, and 19 out of 20 of the female prisoners, have been brought there by intoxicating liquors. I have visited the Jails from Quebec to Sandwich through the length and breadth of Canada, and I have personally examined nearly 2,000 prisoners in the Jails, of whom two-thirds were males and one-third females; they nearly all signed a petition that I presented to them for a Maine Liquor Law, many of them stating that it was their only hope of being saved from utter ruin, unless they could go where intoxicating liquors were not sold.

I examined the Jailers' books, wherein they all kept a record of the number of persons, their age, country and occupations, and their crime; also whether they were brought there by the use of intoxicating liquors. In four years there were 25,000 prisoners in the Jails, and it appears from the records that 22,000 of that number had been brought there by intoxicating liquors; and I believe, from the 2,000 whom I examined, that 24,000 out of the 25,000 would never have been there had it