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company was constructing a line across the State; there was nothing to warrant the opinion that the law was too effectively administered (030976). On the main line of the company, north of Lake Superior, the Public Works Act was in force, under which the railway officials prohibited the importation of liquor on the works (030977); the enforcement of that Act was productive of much good; it was carried out by the railway officers except in the North-west Territories where they had the co-operation of the Mounted Police (030979). Liquor, however, was frequently found on the works, people resorting to all sorts of expedients to bring it in (030980-82). Notwithstanding all precautions taken, peddlers and others succeeded in bringing in liquor (030984). When building the Short Line found a considerable number of men near Greenville in Maine under the influence of liquor; the men in charge of the works said there was no difficulty in getting it (030985-86). Is opposed to a general prohibitory law (030990); very important industries would be wiped out, men who grow grain for the manufacture of liquor would be deprived of a revenue, and at the present day it is practically impossible to enforce effectively anything like a prohibitory law; people would get liquor dishonestly and by illegal means; it is better to educate the people to use liquor intelligently than to force them to use it surreptitiously and unlawfully by passing special legislation (030991). Brewers and distillers should be compensated in the event of prohibition (030992). The sections of the Canadian Pacific built by Mr. Sifton and Mr. Abbott were in different parts of the country; Mr. Sifton's section was between Port Arthur and Winnipeg, while Mr. Abbott's was in the upper Ottawa Valley, and later in the Lake Superior region when the track had been laid and ballasting done (030993); whisky sellers were detected in the district between Port Arthur and Winnipeg, they were heavily fined and their whisky confiscated (030994). When the railway was built the enforcement of prohibition in the North-west Territories became more difficult; the company naturally protested against the baggage car and baggage being examined by the Mounted Police, the passengers also protested and the execution of the law had to be modified (030997-98). Prohibition during the construction period had an excellent effect (031001). Beer and wine are sold in the refreshment rooms of the Canadian Pacific (031002-04). The taking of liquor in moderation does not interfere with the promotion of employees on the railway; the most dangerous description of a drinker is the sly drinker at home would prefer all railway men to be total abstainers, but that being impossible witness prefers to know that a man takes his drink openly; the company have less reason to fear him than the man who keeps liquor at home and is what is called a secret drinker (031005). 99 per cent of the loss of life on railways and the loss resulting to railway companies arises rather from stupidity than from the use of liquor; the stupid man is a constant menace; at the same time witness would be pleased to know that every man was a total abstainer (031007). Each superintendent to some extent regulates the forms after his own fashion; Mr. White is particularly strong on total abstinence; the company, however, have no general regulations debarring the men from the use of liquor (031008-10).

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Has charge of the prison of Montreal and the women's prison (23981); the prison is maintained from payments annually from each municipality, and the city pays 15 cents daily for each prisoner (23989); particulars respecting cost of the institution (23998-100); prisoners who are paupers are committed to jail in the absence of almshouses (24003-06). Drunkenness decreasing (24009); number of licensed places should be reduced on some general plan; there are altogether too many saloons, but the hotels are not excessive (24009-18); number of illicit places less than estimated by Mr. Lambe (24021). License is