

THE RESULTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. I.

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Moncton, N.B., June 24.—The Scott Act is in operation in nine New Brunswick counties, including the City of Fredericton. Prohibitionists sadly admit that the results are by no means what they had predicted and hoped for. Convictions for drunkenness are going on at the rate of about 2,000 a year, which, considering New Brunswick's population of only 360,000, is a truly enormous proportion. With one-seventh the population of Ontario, New Brunswick's convictions for drunkenness are relatively far higher than the yearly number in Ontario. The rate of increase for convictions for drunkenness in New Brunswick has been about 40 per cent. during the last decade. As for convictions of blind piggers and pocket peddlers in New Brunswick, they number about 237 a year.

There is not a prohibition city or town in New Brunswick in which drunkenness is not increasing, and in which blind piggers and pocket peddlers do not profitably ply their traffic. Moncton is the seat of Westmoreland County, a Scott Act county. With a population of about 12,000, Moncton is a city in which nearly all the residents, including the working class, own their own homes. It is an attractive place, considering that it is a railroad centre and its people are disposed to be peaceful and law-abiding in every respect but one. This one exception is the operation of the Liquor Act.

Instead of decreasing drunkenness and abolishing liquor, prohibition has increased