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St. Louis has had its "crooked" whiskey cases. Chicago, of course, would not allow St. Louis to surpass her in anything, and is now pressing her claims in this direction. Is there no chance for Goderich? Why has not somebody applied a "straight-edge" to the distillery of the salt region? Perhaps, however, laymen should not meddle with such spirits before throwing salad oil upon the troubled waters of the lake.