

drink. He further says that he had kept a record of the liquor dealers of a single street in Toronto, One hundred in number in fifty-four years, and that in these families there have been 214 drunkards, 45 widows, and 235 orphans left; 44 sudden deaths, 16 suicides, 203 premature deaths by drunkenness, 4 murders, 3 executions; 1,915 years of human life estimated to have been lost by drunkenness, and also a loss of property, once owned in real estate amounting to \$200,000.

Again, Report of the Select Committee of our Parliament at Ottawa, respecting a Prohibitory Liquor Law, dated 14th, May, 1873, and published by order of Parliament, states that the testimony of nearly 40,000 individuals from Legislative Assemblies, Municipal Council, Church Courts, etc., is fully sustained by the evidence already collected and presented to the House of Commons in session, by a committee of the Honorable House in the second report, where they state that they find "four-fifths" of the crime in Ontario, and the same proportion of committants to jail in Ontario and Quebec are directly or indirectly traceable to the traffic in, and use of the liquors. Your committee are fully convinced, that the traffic in intoxicating liquors, in addition to the evils already mentioned, is detrimental to all the true interests of the Dominion, mercilessly slaying every year, hundreds of her most promising citizens; plunging thousands into misery and want; converting, her intelligent and industrious sons, who should be her glory and her strength into feeble inebriates, her burden and her shame; wasting millions of her wealth in the consumption of an article whose use not only imparts no strength, but induces disease and insanity, suicide and murder thus diverting into a hurtful channel the capital that should be employed in developing her resources, establishing her manufactures, and expanding her commerce; in short, it is a cancer in the body politic, which, if not speedily eradicated will mar the bright prospects, and blight the patriotic hope of this noble Dominion. This report also gives the names of many judges, prison keepers, police, stipendiary magistrates, etc., whose returns show, that from two-thirds to nine-tenths of all crimes coming under their observation have been caused by strong drink. And lastly, have we not conclusive evidences from our own citizens, that life and property are in jeopardy from the use of alcohol? When our city was visited by that memorable fire, and our citizens were panic-stricken, did they not appeal for protection? Let all fair-minded people look at the conclusion that was arrived at, and the security that was given them,—even the leading dealers acquiesced, and consented to sacrifice their business, for the good of the public, by closing their saloons for two weeks; they saw that it was absolutely necessary; they had to admit that a Prohibitory Law was all that could ensure the safety of our citizens; and so it is to-day, the only thing that can guarantee our citizens peace and prosperity, is the suppression of the liquor traffic.