gone in and under the influence of drink without any permanent benefit to the people. The contact of the Government with this people, effected by the issue of Scrip, instead of benefitting them, has had rather a reverse effect.

"The fault is not in the intention of the Government, nor in the laws, but in the lack of anyone to enforce them, and to punish their breach.

"Something more again is needed than posting up Proclamations, prohibiting the sale and setting forth the penalties of selling. Such have been posted up on stores where the sale of liquor and intoxicating drugs has been known to be going on. We are aware that the drain on the Police Force through the going out of officers and men for the war in South Africa, has crippled the force. No doubt it is because of this, that at an important point as Lesser Slave Lake, a corporal is the only degree above the ranks It is hardly to be expected that the rank and file can stand against the wiles of the traders and the inducement brought to bear upon them to be silent and not to interfere. If law is to be enforced it must be by the presence in the country of a government officer, with all necessary Magisterial powers, who will and can enforce the laws, and who will see that the Police do their duty and bring them to task if they fail, and who can institute proceedings against offenders without fear or favor."

The Synod here adjourned till 6 p.m.

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7. On meeting again it was moved by Rev. W. G. White, seconded by Rev. H. Robinson: That this Synod desires to express regret at the retirement from Mission work in this Diocese, of the Rev. M. and Mrs. Scott, who for fourteen years have laboured faithfully and