

ostensibly be going elsewhere. As the Belize authorities knew quite well when the "I'm Alone" took its second cargo from Belize, its first cargo was for Nassau, but never went to Nassau; it was disposed of by a known rum-runner of hardened conscience and of long experience. The captain went back to Belize and asked for clearance for another cargo. If the proper conditions, such as I have stated, had been arranged with the United States, Belize would have said to the captain of the "I'm Alone," when he came back: "Did you go to Nassau?" Being an honest man, he would say, "No, I went away up along the coast of Florida and Louisiana, and got pointed off there, and I am back for another load." Then the Belize authorities would say, "No other load for you," and that troublesome international incident would not have occurred in the way it did, and Canada would have been saved the humiliation of setting a fresh young embassy to fight for a disreputable case.

Along the crowded border of thousands of miles between ourselves and the United States, how many possibilities are there for international complications? With large bodies of coastguards and preventive officers, equipped with swift gunboats, coming in constant contact with bands of rum runners, armed with sawed-off shot guns, carrying the orders of Canadian brewers and distillers, something is sure to happen; and I ask the Government to give its most serious attention to this phase of the question.

I thank you very kindly for listening to my speech—the last I will give you at this Session. It may be that very few are to come after; things which happen here day after day remind us of the shortness of human life. I love this old Chamber in one way; I like it because of its associations, and my associates on both sides. Altogether, I have found no rabid partizanship; I have found the heartiest of good-feeling by members on both sides, and a keen desire to do the right thing.

Let this Senate take up just such questions as this in its calm, deliberate and non-partizan way. Let it thoroughly sift them and examine them, removed from the political atmosphere, the fluctuations of which bother the members of another Chamber, and perhaps the very best service that ninety men could give to their country can be given in this Chamber itself.

I commend what I have stated. I have tried to keep myself from being voluntarily partizan. I believe that the liquor traffic is evil, and that continually. I believe it is the biggest curse that ever plagued humanity;

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but I believe the problem is being solved by experimentation and by teaching, and the time will come in the history of the human race when it will triumph over this, as over all other of its great human ills.

To that end let us dedicate what years we have remaining, with our best efforts and with unwearied purpose.

Hon. CHAS. E. TANNER: Before my right honourable friend (Right Hon. Mr. Graham) proceeds to answer, there are a few observations which I should like to make on this subject. There is one aspect of the speech which I am hoping my right honourable friend, the leader of the House, will clear up when he replies to the right honourable gentlemen who has just spoken.

About two weeks ago I had the privilege of being one of a party who went on a week-end motor trip through parts of New York State. While over there I was interested enough to ask some questions of persons with whom I came into contact, in regard to this matter, and practically every one with whom I discoursed appeared to be under the impression that the whole flood of liquor consumed in the United States of America comes from Canada. I have observed also that many of the leading newspapers in the United States present the same view, namely, that the Dominion of Canada is the source of supply.

I am not saying that my right honourable friend who has just spoken has any such idea in his mind, but I feel that a great deal of the discussion on this side of the line would convey to the uninformed the very same impression in regard to the quantity of liquor consumed in the United States and the proportion of it that is exported to that country from Canada. I should therefore like the right honourable leader to clear up the question whether or not the statement is true that of all the imported liquor consumed in the United States only 5 per cent goes in from Canada. That statement has been made on what seems to be good authority. I am not justifying the 5 per cent, but I understand that that is the relative quantity for which the Dominion of Canada is responsible, and that 95 per cent of the liquor consumed in the United States comes from southern ports, and from manufactures in that country itself.

I happened to be in the southern parts of the United States last summer when the Democratic convention was being held at Houston, and I naturally took observations, and also read a great deal about the proceedings of that convention. Honourable members of this House who observed events will