

destruction. This part of your population is rapidly dying out through the effect of intoxicating drink and still more rapidly being recruited by the same agency from all classes of society, but all from the ranks of the professed moderationists, and for them there is no hope but in removing the temptation which they either cannot or will not withstand.

In plain reality many thousands of dollars are being annually diverted from the stores, workshops and warehouses of the useful, refining and elevating branches of industry, and sunk in the liquor shops to buy that which pushes its purchasers downwards. We do not say that intemperance is wholly due to your drinking houses, but we do say that it depends on them as much as education does on your schools. We do not assert that you can entirely put an end to its evils but we do say that you can do as much to diminish intemperance as you can to increase education, this is a practical matter and quite within your power, now that we have a law in our land giving municipalities the right to order away and cast out from their borders this thing of such notoriously evil influence, the drinking bar.

The evidence from city records shows that intoxicating drink visibly and publicly impoverishes and degrades 4800 of your population. If the education of three thousand children that attend your schools be a good reason for their support surely the intemperance and demoralisation of the thousands that attend drinking houses is a good reason for their suppression. To retain both of these opposing agencies is hardly creditable to the good practical common sense of this Queen City of our Western Canada. To spend \$28,000 in your schools in supporting the advancement of intelligence and morals, and to lay out \$75,349 incurring the actual nett loss of nearly \$54,000 annually in keeping up a powerful counteracting and degrading influence seems utterly unreasonable, yet, so it is, and all this too under the popular and absurd delusion that you cannot afford to go without it because it is such a good paying thing and you want money badly. The account debtor and creditor accompanying this tract speaks for itself. You will see that the liquor traffic brings you in \$21,573, but takes away from you in cash \$75,349. Now, is this the way to get money? If you had no other sources of income, or if all other sources of revenue yielded in the same good paying proportion could any of your clever financiers show how to pay \$75,349 out of \$21,573? The privilege of keeping a drinking bar is sold for \$60 a year, and that of selling in a shop for \$50, but they all actually cost you an average in cash of \$242 each, so that you are really supporting these agencies, 311 in number, by a clear bounty of about \$187 each, besides allowing them the very vitals of society for perquisites, or \$33,776 bounty, which is assessed out of the rate payers generally and given to support the liquor dealers along with the license or legal charter to pursue a business in itself not only thus far an imposition but beyond the power of human arithmetic, damaging and desolating to homes and hearts, and destroying to immortal souls.

We could easily furnish evidence in abundance that similar results are true in every place where the liquor traffic is carried on. Take the following for example,—Mr. James Gray, Chairman of the Edinburgh Parochial