

Drugs In Relation To Prohibition--A Reply.

(By R. C. Wilkinson, Port Hammond, B. C.)

Under the title given, Mr. Wilkinson has sent the British Columbia Monthly the following "Reply," to which we have satisfaction in giving the same publicity as to Mr. Carrick's articles in the March and April magazines.—Editor, B.C.M.

After reading the statement on the above subject in your issue of April, I would like to ask Mr. Carrick a few questions. When I got to the close of the article and read: "The prohibition ostrich sticks his head in the sand and rejoices over the fact that he has made such magnificent progress—absolutely refusing to recognizing the fact that we are worse off than before," I recognized the source from whence this whole statement came and how much force or truth we could expect in the argument.

Now does the writer mean to tell us that every nation or people has its own stimulant and that to them it is harmless?

And does he mean that all other nationalities should be prohibited from using the stimulant of that nation, each to use only its own?

But can Mr. Carrick give us sufficient evidence from any of these nations he refers to, for building a sound logical argument?

It is not sufficient for a man to state certain stimulants do not hurt men in South America or Eastern Europe or even in France or Scotland, without some facts to support his assertions, particularly when the writer can state conditions are worse (in B. C.) than before Prohibition came, in face of the facts that crime everywhere has decreased; jails and penitentiaries are empty; business men declare men who drank before now pay for clothing and food for their families;

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