

Professor John Scrimger, Knox College, P. Q.

"The habit of Cigarette smoking is one that presents a peculiar temptation to many young men. Experience points to the conclusion that it is even more injurious to the constitution of the young than other forms of smoking, and that the consequences are not infrequently of the most lamentable kind. It seems to be a case in which the State authority might very well interfere to protect the inexperienced from the hidden dangers of thoughtless indulgence, without any undue limitation of personal liberty."

Charles Stewart, D. D., Professor in Mt Allison University, Sackville, N. B.

"I have, during a ministry of forty-eight years, thirty of which have been spent in College work, seen much of the iniquitous effects of tobacco and other narcotics. The use of Cigarettes I regard as peculiarly offensive in the case of young people, and injurious alike to their physical and mental power, and therefore tending to the shortening of their days."

SIX HUNDRED TORONTO TEACHERS have signed the petition to the Dominion Parliament for the prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of the Cigarette.

THE TORONTO SCHOOL BOARD was so impressed with the headway the Cigarette habit was making in that city, they threw open the schools to a lecturer on this subject, permitting him to address the pupils in school hours.

Mr. C. Ferrier, Principal Victoria Industrial School, Mimico.

"Boys are not admitted here over 14 years of age. The average age is 12 years. Fully 75 per cent of all youths committed to my care are Cigarette users."

"I don't pretend to say that all Cigarette smokers are criminals, or that a large percentage of them are. What I do assert is that boys, who habitually indulge in this habit, are treading in the path that leads to a criminal life; that the great majority of those who commit crimes are Cigarette smokers. Why this is so, I cannot say unless it is that the effect of Cigarette indulgence is a general weakening of the character. I have invariably observed that the Cigarette fiend is always UNTRUTHFUL and nearly always DISHONEST."

Institutions for Boys.

"AS A GENERAL RULE, the Cigarette smoker is among the dullest in the school room. His entire nature is rendered sluggish so that it is an extremely difficult matter to arouse any mental activity. I have seen what may fittingly be termed 'Cigarette Fiends' remain utterly stupid for three or four months after entering our school of letters, simply as a result of past indulgence, for they have had no opportunity of gratifying their taste for the Cigarette during this time. They remain like logs, utterly sluggish and incapable. After a period of abstinence, normal conditions again assert themselves and the change is a most marked one."

His Honor, Recorder Weir, Montreal, P. Q.

"I have remarked the fact that Cigarette smoking is usually one of the accomplishments of the young vagrant and those youths who give evidence of moral decadence. It would be going too far to denounce the practice as in itself a necessary cause of crime or disorder, but it certainly is one which seems to possess some subtle influence in initiating, or encouraging, a dangerous momentum in young people towards the fast life."

James R. Dick, in Charge of Boys' Home, Montreal, P. Q.

"Any boy who has been addicted to this habit before being admitted to the Home is specially looked after. Signs of the habit will be found in stomach trouble, dulled brain, mental depression, and nervous excitability, a lack of will power, forgetfulness of common duties, catarrh of the throat and nose, with irritating cough and sleeplessness."

"I believe that the large majority of boys from eight to fifteen years are habitual Cigarette smokers. I am on the street a large portion of the day, and note this state of things. In some cases, when spoken to and told of the effects for present and future years, the lad will throw the stub away and promise to stop the habit. But I have met boys, twelve years of age, who deliberately said, 'I cannot give them up.'"

"If the manufacturer could be prohibited from making Cigarettes, the evil would be lessened."