

one for every 361 of the population. So, under this much-vaunted, much-boasted legislation of the Province of Nova Scotia, the number of convictions has doubled in ten years; whereas it has been lessened by 50% in the limits of our own province. In New Brunswick there has been an improvement, though not as great as in our own province. In British Columbia there has been not an improvement, but the reverse. In Prince Edward Island there has been some improvement; but the grand result arrived at by comparison is this: That, taking the whole list of provinces, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia, the Province of Ontario presents noticeably a better shewing than any other province in the Dominion.

Maine.

Now some figures as to the State of Maine, of which we always hear when the liquor problem or the license question is under discussion; I have the statistics for five years of the State of Maine, from 1888 to 1892. I will take the statistics of this province for the same five years. I will take the four largest cities in the State of Maine and the four largest cities in Ontario, and this is the result: consider in each case arrests for drunkenness per thousand. In Portland, the largest city in Maine, 39 out of every thousand; in Toronto, the largest city of Ontario, less than half that number were arrested for drunkenness. Lewiston, the next largest city in the state of Maine, I will compare with the city of Hamilton. In Lewiston there were eleven arrests per thousand, whereas in Hamilton there were only six. Taking the whole four cities added together in the state of Maine, with an aggregate population of 99,000—Portland, Lewiston, Bangor and Biddeford—there were 30 people per thousand arrested for drunkenness during that period. In our four largest cities—Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, London—there were 13 people per thousand arrested for drunkenness. We have not got the official figures from 1892 to the present from Maine, but we have for our own province. But we learn unofficially and reliably that there has been no improvement in the State of Maine in the matter of arrests since 1892, and it is gratifying to this House to know that each year since 1892 there has been a marked improvement in this province in the same direction. The result therefore is that, as far as statistics can give them to us, this province presents a better showing under license than the State of