

Fifteen Years' Record.

The return for each period of five years since 1886 shows a reduction in commitments for drunkenness as follows:

In the period from 1886 to 1890 the average commitments were.....	4,311
For the next five-year period, from 1891 to 1895, the average number of commitments had fallen to.....	2,703
For the next five year period, from 1896 to 1900, the average number had again dropped to	1,920
This is a decrease in 13 years of	2,391

This represents a reduction of over 55 per cent., a reduction which will be much emphasized when the large increase of population in that time is considered. Ontario thus stands at the head of all the provinces in having a sober people. Education and progressive legislation have brought about these results.

Revenue from Tavern, Shop and Wholesale Licenses.

Equally noticeable with the falling off in the number of licenses issued under the Crooks Act, is the increase of revenue nevertheless derived. One of the provisions of that Act was, that part of this revenue should go to the Province and the remainder to the municipalities, the former assuming, and the latter being relieved from, the sole responsibility of enforcing the law against illicit selling. The following table shows the proportionate revenue accruing to the Province and to the municipalities respectively, for the years therein stated:—

	Municipal Revenue.	Provincial Revenue.
1886-7	\$153,716 59	\$216,455 78
1887-8	156,979 89	201,542 45
1897-8	239,873 38	268,247 40
1898-9	252,589 90	281,523 15
1899-1900	249,496 99	304,819 68
1900-1	250,482 13	304,676 60

The revenue obtained by the municipalities from the liquor traffic, under the Crooks Act is much greater than was obtained before the enactment of that law, notwithstanding the fact that the number of licenses is less by one-half, and is greater than they would have been receiving now had it not been enacted. It may also be stated that while the Act enables Municipal Councils to increase the fees for their own benefit, only 335 of the 756 municipalities have taken advantage of this provision of

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