

### The Gradual Reduction of Licenses.

The following table gives the number of each kind of license issued for the several years between 1874 and 1896 inclusive.

Year.	Taverns.	Shop.	Wholesale.	Vessels.	Total.
1874-5	4,743	1,307	52	33	6,185
1875-6	4,459	1,257	78	24	5,818
1876-7	3,977	787	117	27	4,908
1879-80	3,493	737	72	22	4,324
1881-5	3,253	675	28	14	3,970
1885-6	2,574	505	24	9	3,112
1886-7	Scott Act Period.	2,567	28	12	1,973
1887-8		2,496	28	14	1,882
1888-9		2,066	330	26	17
1889-90	3,073	415	27	16	3,521
1890-1	3,071	428	24		3,511
1891-2	2,990	403	21		3,414
1892-3	2,966	378	25		3,369
1893-4	2,888	357	31		3,276
1894-5	2,785	337	29		3,151
1895-6	2,779	327	26		3,132
1896-7	2,747	323	26		3,096

### A Comparison with other States and Cities.

1874-5: 6,185 licenses, or one to each 287 of the population.

1896-7: 3,096 licenses, or one to each 725 of the population, an average reduction of 140 licenses per year for the last 22 years.

In striking contrast: according to a late return, in

Illinois there is	one to each 183	Michigan	one to each 239
Indiana	" 217	Minnesota	" 301
Iowa	" 289	New York	" 134
Massachusetts	" 386	Ohio	" 203
Montreal	" 319	Toronto	" 1,208

Ontario one to each 725

### Revenue from Licenses.

	Municipal Revenue.	Provincial Revenue.
1886-7	\$153,716 79	\$216,455 78
1887-8	154,979 80	211,529 45
1888-9	190,297 79	232,514 55
1889-90	297,393 45	307,271 02
1890-1	294,368 26	308,266 17
1891-2	289,487 41	309,694 38
1892-3	289,973 74	297,614 47
1893-4	282,373 97	289,821 02
1894-5	272,101 31	277,478 99
1895-6	267,072 40	273,212 14
1896-7	263,330 48	270,906 90

### Increase of License Fees.

The following table shows the amount of fees as fixed by the License Act of 1876, and the amount as fixed by the License Acts of 1884 and 1886, respectively:—

	1876	1884	1886
<i>Taverns and Shops—</i>			
Cities over 20,000	\$100 00	\$160 00	\$250 00
Cities under 20,000	100 00	100 00	200 00
Towns	80 00	100 00	150 00
Villages	60 00	80 00	120 00
Townships	60 00	72 00	90 00
<i>Saloons—</i>			
Cities	100 00	160 00	300 00
Towns	80 00	110 00	250 00
<i>Wholesale—</i>			
Cities over 20,000	150 00	225 00	250 00
Towns and cities under 20,000	150 00	225 00	250 00
<i>Vessels</i>			
Great Lakes	100 00	125 00	
" wine and beer	50 00	62 00	
Inland Waters	60 00	85 00	
"	30 00	42 50	

Rate pro-  
hibited by  
legislation  
of 1890.