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Rev. Sydney Smith said, "The new Beer Bill has begun its operation. Everybody is drunk. Those who are not singing are sprawling. The sovereign people are in a beastly state."

Rev. J. Field, of Reading Jail, said that it had been "ascertained by investigation that about four-fifths of the offences committed by the agricultural population are traceable to beer-houses." The amount of gallons of British spirits which paid duty in 1834 was 11,818,924, while in 1871 it was 33,190,377, an increase of about 200 per cent. The indictable offences were about 4,340 in 1834, but in 1871 they had increased to 23,919—an increase of about 500 per cent. In this country the Internal Revenue Department reports show the receipts for the fiscal year ending June, 1878 from fermented liquor to be \$9,937,051.78; for 1879 to be \$10,720,320.08—an increase of \$782,268.30. The receipts for distilled liquor for 1878 were \$50,420,815.80; for 1879 \$52,570,284.69—an increase of \$2,149,468.89. Thus the increase of beer brought with it the increase of distilled spirits. This will always and naturally be so. Dr. Albert Day, of the Washington Home, Boston, who has treated about seven thousand cases of inebriety, says, that "eight-tenths of that number originated from wine and malt liquors." It is a wild delusion and a terrible deception; whosoever "is deceived thereby is not wise."

THE FUTURE OF THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

Vice-Chancellor Blake addressed an immense audience in the Dominion Methodist Church, Ottawa, on the 17th inst., on the subject of temperance, dealing particularly with the use of alcoholic liquors for medical purposes. The Hon. J. C. Aikens occupied the chair. The Hon. R. W. Scott was also present, and in the course of his speech said: "My introduction on this occasion is due to my having been, in some degree, the instrument of placing on the statute books of this country an Act of Parliament that is to some degree a prohibitory law—one that does not altogether meet the views I would like to have seen expressed in such an Act, but one that goes further than any previous legislation on the question. I speak with a pretty full knowledge of the subject in saying that no stricter law could, in the present condition of the public mind, be placed on the statute books of the country, nor do I believe, though many within the sound of my voice may think differently, that either of the great political parties could take up a prohibitory liquor law successfully. I don't think the time has arrived for the adoption of such a measure. The present act will answer the purpose until the public mind is sufficiently educated for a prohibitory law extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Legislation that checks social and domestic evils of this character is seemingly difficult to have adopted and exceeding difficult to enforce, and unless you have public sentiment with you it is idle to attempt to put such law into operation. Under the present law the Dominion is divided into 140 different districts. So far as these sections are concerned if they introduce this permissive act they have for all purposes a strictly prohibitory law, probably as stringent as any prohibitory law that now exists in the United States or in any country. That prohibitory law has up to the present time been introduced in ten or twelve districts of the country. When it has been adopted in some sixty more it will be quite safe to say the representatives of the people of Canada, will then be prepared to carry the larger law, a law that will give prohibition to the whole people of this country. (Applause) I do not myself think that day to be so far distant. If we look back over the last twenty-five years and enquire into the great progress made by the temperance movement we have the best possible evidence that in another decade, certainly not more than ten years, a prohibitory law can be successfully placed on the statute books of the country."

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