Actual Experience

The Ontario Temperance Act is **Emptying Ontario's Jails**

Jail Commitments Before and After Passage of the Act.

ALL CRIMES 1915-20,337 1918-13.242 1915-6.235

1918-2,595

From Annual Reports of Inspectors of Prisons 1915 and 1918, and Schedule H. Report of the Board of License Commissioners for Ontario for the year 1918.

NTARIO'S experience with prohibition under the Ontario Temperance Act since September 16, 1916, has been all the argument any fair-minded man or woman wants, to prove that the Act. should neither be repealed nor weakened by Amendments.

Jail Commitments for crimes and offences of all kinds have decreased more than one-third since 1915.

Iail Commitments for drunkenness alone decreased from 6,235 in 1915, the year preceding the Act, to 2,595 in 1918.

Jail Commitments for drunkenness decreased despite the fact that the Act makes drunkenness in public places a "prima facie" offence, punishable by fine or imprisonment, whether accompanied by "disorderliness" or not. A drunken man on the street has become a rare sight.

The number of commitments for drunkenness in Ontario in 1918 was the lowest in seventeen years, although the population of the Province increased by over 500,000.

Some jails received no drunk rds in 1918 at all. Others show well nigh unbelievable decreases, notably in the cities and larger towns.

Do you want to see the taste for alcoholic beverages revived, and the population of Ontario's prisons, jails and lock-ups restored?

If you are convinced that drunkenness is undesirable in this Province mark X in the "No" column after each question.

"No!"—Four Times—"No!"

Each and every one of the four questions on the ballot paper in this Referendum must be answered or your ballot is "spoiled." And unless you mark X after each question in the "No" column, the Ontario Temperance Act will be spoiled, and years of Temperance progress lost,

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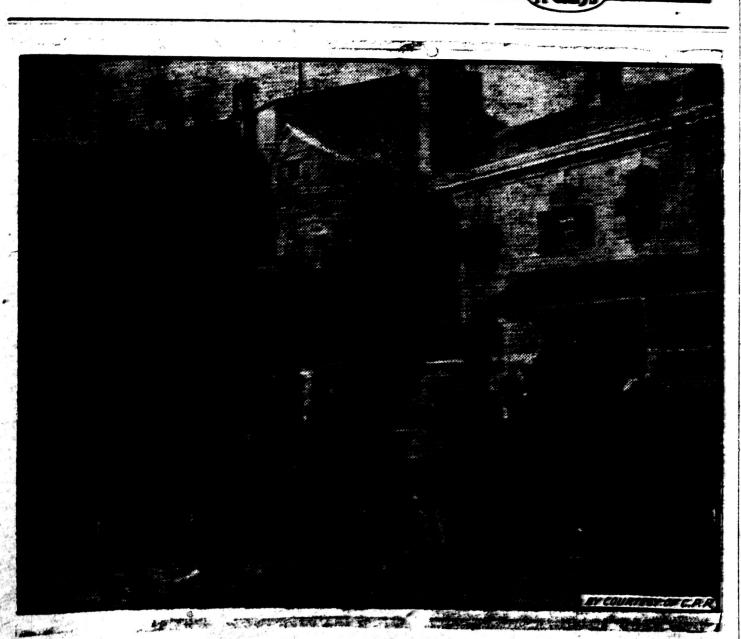
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joy. It is where the effects of many thousands of doughboys who "went West" are sent for distribution. Each pitiful package, or bundle or box is checked up and sent to the nearest relative. Occasionally, however, the solemnity of the situation is relieved by the laughter of some returned hero who comes to the depot to announce that he is not dead and to claim his precious belongings. The other day a busy negro appeared, wearing three gold chevrons and a wound stripe, laughing heartily at the thought of him being reported dead. As if any old Hun could kill him! He told a tale of terrible fighting and suffering, all the time smiling cheerfully, and allowing as how he hoped his personal effects would be located. A small package, with his name on it, was at last-found and opened for final checking. It contained a wad of money and the tools which had helped to enrich the dark man-a pair of dice. There was much laughter, hearty handshakes and back slapping, when the soldier was handed the money and the African

Bedouin Bards.

golf outfit, which only threw seven,-

New York Sun.

The descriptive power and fidelity of Arabic poetry in setting forth both the life of the people and the scenery of the clime are remarkable. It conjures up visions of tawny brows, flowing beards, soft eyes, picturesque turbans, pawing chargers, and patient: dromedaries. We seem to be there. It is the land of the date tree and the fountain, the ostrich and the giraffe, the tent and the caravan. It is the home of the simoon and the mirage. It is the world of the desert and the stars. Hospitality waves her torch through the night to win the wanderer to be a guest. The very picture, embodiment, breath, blaze, of all this is in the lyrics of the Bedouin bards. The richness of their language, and something of the character of the people who use it, are shown in the fact that it has 80 names for honey, 500 for the lion, and a thousand for the sword!-William Russell Alger.

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