

## WHAT GOVERNORS OF DRY STATES SAY.

Governor Haines, of Maine, says that Maine has 742,000 people, and assets in savings banks, trust companies, and loan building associations of 165,784,000dol., or an average of about 224dol. for every inhabitant. That 233,159 people have deposits in savings banks averaging 40dol. This is in face of the fact that Maine in natural resources is the poorest State in the Union.

Governor George H. Hodges, of Kansas, says:—"We balance 2900 self-supporting citizens against every one pauper. Every year our State creates a new wealth. Last year a wealth of 2,000,000dol. a day was the record. You have but to come to Kansas to see the cheering effects of Prohibition; no saloons, but happy homes; contented people; no sweatshops, no child labour, but fine schools, churches, and good roads; practically no State indebtedness, and a visible increase of State wealth every twelve months that runs into millions.

Governor L. D. Hanna, of North Dakota, says that they have in their penitentiaries only one man to every 3500 population, and that one-half of these are non-residents. One-half of the inmates of the penitentiaries are there for the infraction of the Prohibition law or for crimes committed while under the influence of liquor. He says that with absolute National Prohibition, they should have but one inmate in their State prison for every 14,000 population. That they have only six poor-houses out of 50 counties, and some of these are really county hospitals for the care of old people.

Governor Locke Craig, of North Carolina, says that during 1908, the last year of License in that State, the revenues from all sources were 2,866,439.62dol., and that during the year 1913, under Prohibition, with practically the same schedules of tax rate, the receipts from all sources were 4,297,000dol.

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"A transformation of the night scenes of London has followed from the closing of the public-houses at eleven. Great traffic centres, like the Elephant and Castle, at which immense crowds usually lounge about until one o'clock in the morning, have suddenly become peaceful and respectable. The police, instead of having to move on numbers of people who have been dislodged from the bars at half-past twelve at night, found very little intoxication to deal with, the last hour and a half being responsible for much of the excess of which complaint is made. Many of the public-houses were half empty some time before closing time. Journalists, who are necessarily out late, have quickly noticed the effect of the change upon public conduct, and have been spared the sounds of ribald songs, dancing, and quarrelling which hitherto have marked 'closing time' since the war began."

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