

# INEBRIATE CRIMINALS.

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## MOVEMENT TO ESTABLISH A HOME FOR TREATMENT.

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Toronto Presbytery, Toronto and Kingston Synod and Prisoners' Aid Urge the Step—Classification of Prisoners and Probation For Young Offenders.

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A deputation representing the Presbyterian Synod of Toronto and Kingston, the Presbytery of Toronto and the Prisoners' Aid Society called upon Premier Ross yesterday to present their views regarding the care of inebriate criminals. The deputation consisted of Rev. Dr. Milligan, Rev. Dr. MacLaren, Rev. Wm. Frizzell, Rev. Alexander Gilray, Mr. Archibald Macmurchy, Mr. John Aitken, ex-Warden Massie and Dr. A. M. Rosebrugh.

Efforts have been made by Dr. Rosebrugh, under the auspices of the Prisoners' Aid Society, to test the feasibility of a scheme for the treatment of inebriates, and, although no great success was met with, it is believed that by a system of medical care and attention in a properly established home the men can be greatly benefited and frequently turned into respectable, sober citizens. The men would be committed to these homes and serve their sentence there. Hon. J. R. Stratton has promised a subscription of \$100 to forward any such scheme that may be projected by the Prisoners' Aid Society.

The deputation also urged upon the Government the necessity for thorough classification of criminals; the adoption of the probation system for youthful offenders, and the appointment of an officer to look after the boys when out on probation. Both of these principles are introduced by the act now before the House to amend the industrial school act.

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