

PROBING CAMDEN'S SALOONS

Inquisitor Backes Threatened to
Jump on a Flippant In-
spector.

PRESIDENT FISK GRILLS CITY OFFICIALS

Camden, Aug. 11.—How the excise inspector fails to inspect, how the police close their eyes when laws are being violated, how the saloons pay political tribute and dives flourish under the eyes of the police, were parts of the revelations produced before Gov. Fort's excise investigators yesterday. Most of the questions were fired by Peter Backes, member of the State Board, and who was counsel for the Church Union which stood sponsor for the famous Bishops' bill.

President Fisk also asked some questions and the grilling which some of the city officials got was enough to keep them shaking for a month. Excise Inspector Jacob Schiller was disposed to be flippant and defiant of the probers, but Mr. Backes said:

"Answer my questions properly or I will jump all over you in a minute." Asked what his duties consisted of, Schiller replied: "To see that every saloon in the city has a license." He seemed to enjoy the laughter that followed this bit of wit.

He was sure that the saloons of the city were obeying the law, but when told that others had discovered many rank violations such as Sunday selling, selling to minors and intoxicated people and from back rooms, contrary to the Bishops' law, the inspector was duly shocked. He had not seen it he said. Mr. Backes advised him to get a pair of glasses, although he claimed that his eyesight was good.

When Captain of Police Boyle was asked by Mr. Backes whether there were any violations of the Bishops' law in his district, he said that as far as he knew the saloonkeepers were abiding by the law.

Captain of Police Albert told the probers that there was little lawlessness in East Camden; that the saloonkeepers, as far as he knew, respected the law.

County Detective John S. Smith emphatically denied that it was he who made a round of the county "tipping off" the license holders against Sunday sales for awhile. He knew nothing about it, he declared. The Commission will take up the presumably "dry" town of Millville to-day.

HORSE SENSE FOR HORSE OWNERS