Prohibition Questions

Ontario’s Greatest Bootlegger

1) How long did prohibition last in Canada?
2) Where did the Temperance Movement begin?
3) Why did prohibition laws in Ontario have to continually change?
4) List the business that Rocco Perri was involved in once he made it to Canada. How much did running illegal booze make him a month?
5) Would Hollywood be right to portray Rocco as a typical mafia mobster? Explain.
6) Why Hamilton as the place for Rocco to set up his business?
7) Did his influence expand beyond Ontario? Explain.
8) What happened to Bessy and why? Explain the theory behind why Rocco didn’t experience the same thing.

Secret Alberta: Prohibition

1) What did most bars in mining towns have to accommodate the thirst of miners? How do you think this led to domestic arguments and (possibly) violence?
2) Name the groups that supported prohibition and what justification was made for it in 1916?
3) Why would immigrants have had an issue with prohibition? Why miners?
4) List the business that Emilio Picariello was involved in and why was he so well suited to running illegal booze during prohibition.
5) Name the car of choice for bootleggers. Why this particular one? What made it so easy to run illegal booze between Alberta and B.C?
6) In point form, list the events that led to Constable Lawson’s death.
7) Explain the conspiracy theory behind Lawson’s death.