

licenses is creating additional value for those that remain, there is no reason why the Province should not get a considerable portion of that unearned increment."

To the Liberal leader the Minister explained that the accounts of the hotelkeepers would be checked by inspectors from the head office. The department would not make use of local inspectors for this work.

#### **Veto for All Licenses.**

The Provincial Secretary then announced to the House that the Government had taken the right to veto all licenses in the Province.

"We have," he explained, "extended the right to veto we took some years ago with regard to the unorganized districts. We have extended it to the whole Province. The unorganized districts felt that we were putting them in a class by themselves. They found it was more or less irksome even while they approved of it as a general proposition. Our experience with it in the unorganized districts has been such that we are convinced it is a proper provision for the Province. It is not with the intention of sitting in review upon conditions fairly established, but we do propose to take the veto to meet extreme and exceptional cases."

#### **Getting After the Druggists.**

The Provincial Secretary explained the provision that had been made to put a stop to the abuse of the liquor license act by the druggists, an abuse that had become greater since the "dry" area had increased. The bill was heartily approved by the chemists.

#### **Must Print Formula on Label.**

The bill provides that if any compound having more than two and one-half per cent. of alcohol is not pre-

pared according to the formula of some standard work, it shall not be offered for sale unless the formula on which it is prepared is plainly printed upon the label on the bottle or upon the wrapper, or a copy of the formula is sworn to and filed with the Provincial Secretary. If any such formula contain more than the amount of alcohol deemed necessary to keep it in solution the person selling it will be guilty of an offence against the act.

#### **Lose Certificate Second Time.**

Another clause of the bill provides that upon the second conviction of a chemist his certificate shall, ipso facto, become void, and be of no force for a period of two years from the date of his conviction. Not until the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy shall see fit after the expiration of the two years to reinstate such druggist will he be allowed to practise.

The bill also provides that every chemist must, on demand, supply the Provincial Secretary with a statement of the liquor purchased by him.

#### **A Penalty Provided.**

The bill to amend the liquor license act with respect to the Government's percentage provides a penalty of \$10 for failure to file the statement of bar receipts as provided in the act. The Government also takes power to hold investigations into the correctness of the statements received. The bill expressly states that the veto applies not only to tavern licenses, but to wholesalers' licenses, or brewers or distillers' warehouse licenses.

#### **Mr. Nickle Becomes Indignant.**

The methods followed by the Optical Association of Ontario in trying to increase its membership were the subject of a warm attack from Mr. W. F. Nickle of Kingston at the opening of the Legislature, an attack which Sir James Whitney approved heartily. The member from Kingston rose with a circular in his hand printed in big, flaring red type, from which he quoted. It read:—

"Do you want to practise optometry legally in Ontario? Then you have just ten days more in which to register without an examination, and without having to pay the examiners' fee of \$10. All in by March 1 will be exempt from examination and will get optometrical license."

Mr. Nickle declared that accompanying the circular was a printed letter referring to the bill being brought in at this session of the Legislature, and couched in such terms as to lead the recipient to believe that the bill would pass, and that he would save money by joining the association at once and paying minor fees. The member declared that such a bill had never been introduced in the House.

#### **Inducing Men to Pay Money.**

Sir James said he approved of the matter being brought to the attention of the House. "This circular," he said, "has been drawn with more or less care and it is clearly intended to induce men to pay money for registering under the act respecting the Optical Association. It is an endeavor to get them to pay money under the supposed provisions of that act, and which undoubtedly they are not subject to, by making it appear that they would later be called upon to pay a much larger sum. I would suggest that this should be laid before the Crown Attorney."

#### **Assembly Act in Blank.**

Sir James Whitney introduced the act with reference to the increased indemnity and the deduction of the indemnities of absent members. The bill was in blank, however, and will be filled in in committee, Sir James stating that it was a matter for the House to deal with rather than the Government.

#### **Reciprocity to Come Up Again.**

It is hinted that the Government intends to bring on a resolution favoring rejection of the proposed reciprocity agreement with the United States by the Dominion Parliament. The resolution will likely come up some time next week. The matter was discussed in caucus and will be taken up again on Friday.