

# **BARS TO STAY CLOSED UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK**

## ***Bottle Goods Must Not be Sold Over the Bar—Provisions of Government's Liquor License Bill Introduced Last Evening***

Two hours taken off the time during which liquor may be sold in hotels and the prohibition of the sale of bottle goods over the bar to be taken off the premises, are the principal amendments proposed in the Government's liquor license legislation this year.

The bill to amend was introduced by Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, into the Legislature last evening. It contains four clauses.

Clause 1 seeks to define what is meant by "tavern license," which it is declared shall mean a license for selling liquor for consumption only on the licensed premises in which the liquor is sold.

Clause 2 amends the section of the act respecting shop licenses. Mr.

Hanna pointed out that in Toronto a tavern license cost \$1,600 a year and a shop license \$1,000. The difference between tavern licenses and shop licenses is carried through in large cities, but in smaller places it was the same for either. This amendment brings the price of shop licenses up to tavern licenses, and the Province takes possession of the increased revenue.

In clause 3 it is provided that "any livery stable or other building to which the public are in the habit of resorting" is included under section 50 of the act. This makes it possible to prosecute where liquor is found on such a place, as the law now applies to boarding-houses or other places maintained for the accommodation of the public.

Clause 4 makes it illegal for bars to be opened before 8 o'clock in the morning. The present law allows bars to open after 6 o'clock.