

rebates, if any. The price worked out in this manner will be the price the board will pay. Should the board desire to take over the liquor, fixtures, equipment, etc., of a vendor, it may, with the approval of the Government, give notice, and thereafter take immediate possession, leaving the price to be fixed later upon an inventory, or by mutual agreement regarding such items, the value of which cannot be determined as outlined. Should there be any liquors or fixtures which the board may not require, it will be under no obligation to purchase them.

Board a Business Firm.

Provision is made in the bill to permit the board to organize the business of distribution, to establish agencies, with Toronto as headquarters, appoint officers, fix salaries, etc. The board is to be created a business organization, and it may, if necessary, be proceeded against, or may take proceedings in any court of law subject to certain safeguards. Agencies may be established in such places in the Province as may be deemed necessary. A central warehouse for the receipt of liquor in quantities may also be established, from which distribution to the several agencies will be made. The financial aspects of the scheme have been checked up by a firm of chartered accountants.

It is considered unlikely that the board will be able to complete arrangements to make the transfer before the end of the present license year—April 30. Existing vendors' licenses will likely therefore be extended for one month to permit of the details being carried out by the board.

Replying to Mr. H. Hartley Dewar, K.C., Mr. McPherson said the Government retained the right to fix the salaries of the members of the board. The duties would be heavier under the new scheme.

MAKES PLACE FOR LABOR MAN

Pressure brought to bear by the Liberals during the session, urging the Government to appoint a Minister of Labor, has brought some results. As a half-way measure, the Government is amending the Executive Council Act to permit it to include in the Cabinet a Minister of Labor, but no appointment is to be made at present.

Just prior to adjournment late last night Sir William Hearst introduced a bill to provide for a Minister of Labor. He explained that this decision had been arrived at after careful consideration. However, this action did not foreshadow the early appointment of anyone to that position. When the duties of the department become heavy enough, the bill makes possible for a Minister with full rank and salary to be appointed.

Whenever the appointment is made, Sir William explained later, the Government will secure for the office a man who has the full confidence of Labor.

REFERENDUM MACHINERY

Will be Same as is Employed in General Election, Says Bill

Hidden away in the amendments to the Ontario Elections Act, which was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. I. B. Lucas, is the machinery to prepare the necessary lists for the taking of the temperance referendum this fall. The bill was briefly explained at the request of the Opposition Leader, Mr. Proudfoot, but no mention was made that the amendments prepared the way for the referendum.

The act states that all the machinery used in a general election of members for the Legislative Assembly shall be used in taking a vote upon a question submitted to the electors. Power is given the Government to appoint the necessary enumerators for all the constituencies, and to appoint a chief enumerator, and have the preparation of the lists gone on with.

Mr. Lucas explained that it had been hoped to save the Province considerable money last year in by-elections by having the eight weeks elapse between nomination and polling days. However, they had not been successful in doing this. The amendments permit the Government to advance the polling day to one, two or three weeks, as might be deemed wise after nomination day for the taking of the vote. The Government can authorize the preparation of the lists to be proceeded with prior to the nomination day taking place.