

# STRONGER BEER FOR PROVINCE NOT POSSIBLE

Hon. W. E. Raney Quotes  
Will of the People  
to Brewers

WILL EXECUTE MANDATE

Text of Reply of Attorney-  
General to Secretary of  
Ontario Brewers

There will be no stronger beer for Ontario than that now allowed to be sold. The Government refuses the request of the brewers for permission to sell beer containing two and a half per cent. of alcohol. In reply to a memorandum submitted by the brewers, Hon. W. E. Raney makes reference to the vote of the Province on the referendum. "The Government is pledged to carry out the will of the people as expressed in the referendum vote, and it seems quite impossible to consider again the arguments which were passed upon by the people themselves," he writes.

Mr. Raney's reply to W. T. Kernahan, Secretary of the Ontario Brewers, follows:

"Dear Mr. Kernahan,—

"When you called upon the Government the other day to present the view of the Brewers and Maltsters' Association in the matter of temperance legislation, I asked you to embody your requests in a memorandum. I now have your letter of the 4th instant, covering a memorandum of the views of your association, and I have been asked by the Government to reply as follows:

"Your first request is embodied in the following paragraph:

"The Ontario Brewers are of the opinion that the cause of temperance would best be served and the working man of the Province would be better satisfied if a beverage containing 2.50 per cent. of alcohol by weight were permitted to be manufactured and sold anywhere in the Province by anyone without a license.

**Answered on Ballot.**

"The answer to this request was given, it seems to me, by the people of Ontario themselves, on the late referendum vote. Question 2 on the ballot read as follows:

"Are you in favor of the sale of light beer containing not more than two and fifty-one one hundredths per cent. alcohol, weight measure, through Government agencies, and amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act to permit such sale?"

"In answer to this question 408,266 persons voted 'Yes,' and 733,691 voted 'No.'

"Question 3 on the ballot paper read as follows:

"Are you in favor of the sale of light beer containing not more than two and fifty-one one hundredths per cent. alcohol, weight measure, in