

# PROHIBITION OF NATIVE WINE WILL PROBABLY BE EFFECTED

## Indications That Bill Introduced by Liberal Leader Will Obtain Sufficient Support to Become Law

Quite in vain did R. R. Hall, Liberal member for Parry Sound, seek to ascertain from the Government yesterday what its intentions were with regard to the bill of H. H. Dewart, Liberal Leader, to prohibit the sale of native wines in Ontario and to limit the amount of liquor obtainable on doctors' prescriptions to six ounces. In the tumult of discussion over bonded liquor warehouses the question he asked went unanswered.

But Mr. Hall, in raising the ques-

tion, gave the interesting information that "We on this side of the House have undertaken to go the whole hog. We are for prohibition because the people have said that they want prohibition. We believe in giving the people what they demand."

Hon. Mr. Ferguson—And all they want.

If, as Mr. Hall says, members on the Opposition side of the House are going to support the Dewart bill, there is more than a probability that sufficient members will be found on the Government side to vote for and carry it.

# PARKDALE MEMBER ANNOYS CHAIRMAN

## Sharp Difference of Opinion Arises During Govern- ment Film Inquiry

A sharp difference of opinion marked the closing moments yesterday of the Public Accounts Committee, when W. H. Price (Parkdale) and Chairman J. W. Curry had a heated exchange.

The Parkdale member had asked the witness, W. Dawson, as to why he had left the employ of the Canadian Aero Film Company. The Chairman ruled that the question had to be whether he had left because of any irregularity in the relations between the company and the Government. Mr. Price said that the Chairman was trying to burk the inquiry.

"You are saying what is absolutely untrue," said Mr. Curry. The accusation and denial were repeated, but a calm succeeded the storm, and everything became quiet again.

The Chairman then put his question to the witness, who replied that he had left the company because of ill-health and "rumors and things" he had heard. He was not permitted to tell what the rumors were.

### Threatened by Irish.

Dawson was formerly Director of the Motion Picture Bureau of the Government. A contract to get films from the Canadian Aero Film Company had been made by the Government early in 1920. Some time before that he had been in the offices of the company and had seen screened a picture called "The Silver Tract." He liked the picture, but understood it was made for the Canada Cement Company. Not being certain about the matter, he had refused to certify the account for the picture when the Government purchased it. Blaine Irish, Manager of the company, had called on him, said the witness, and was angry over the delay and had promised to "get him."

Later Mr. Elliott was placed in charge of the bureau, said witness, and the accounts were paid. Dawson testified that when in the employ of the Government Irish had offered to sell him \$2,000 worth of stock in the Canadian Aero Film Company, but he had told him "Nothing doing."

### Wasted Film Paid For.

Dawson explained that, in purchasing films, the camera stops and wasted film were supposed to be taken out before the film was measured. He testified that he knew film was measured immediately after it came from the laboratory and the invoice prices to the Government were based on this measurement and not on the measurement after certain portions had been taken out.

Witness said that the apparent overcharge on the picture "Niagara, Winter and Summer," had been brought to the attention of an official of the film company some time before the period Mr. Elliott said he had found it, but, witness said, nothing was done. He told of drawing attention to an overcharge of 700 feet in one film, the title of which had been changed and invoiced under the two titles.

Mr. Price wanted to have all films purchased during the last year re-measured, but on a vote the committee decided he should finish the inquiry, and then, if necessary, proceed with the remeasurement.