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K. K. Homuth Introduces Resolution in Legislature for Plebiscite

Rumors of an impending "beer and wine" referendum move in Ontario were confirmed in the Legislature yesterday, when K. K. Homuth, Labor member for South Waterloo, announced his intention of submitting the issue to the House at the present session.

Although the member for South Waterloo did not specify in his address the exact nature of the referendum he intended proposing, he explained afterward that he would ask for a plebiscite on the two questions: "Are you in favor of Government-controlled sale of beer and wine?" and "Are you in favor of Government-controlled sale of spirituous liquors?" Presumably Mr. Homuth's suggestion is that Ontario electors should declare themselves on polling day in the general election this year.

As Mr. Homuth, being a private member, cannot introduce legislation which would affect public expenditure, he has interjected the question into the House by notice of motion of a resolution expressing the opinion of the Legislature that such a referendum should be taken. His motion was handed in yesterday.

Friends of Betting Watching Raney's Bill

Interests affected by the bill introduced into the Legislature to prohibit the publication of news of assistance to handbooks and gamblers on horse races are watching the measure closely. Mr. W. J. McMurray, representing The Daily Racing Form of New York, was in the city recently, and is said to have instructed his representative here to avail himself of the services of a well-known counsel if he required them. The lawyer referred to was not in the city, and it could not be learned if the legality of the legislation would be questioned through the courts.

It was also learned that certain racing publications entering Canada are now handled through an agency of the Hearst interests.