

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

## How Legislature Voted On Strong-Beer Question

Two Government supporters—Messrs. Rowe of South Simcoe and Kennedy of Peel—bolted their party in the Legislature yesterday on the Raney amendment condemning the proposal to amend the O.T.A. by permitting the sale of 4.4 beer. In presenting his amendment to the Sinclair amendment, Mr. Raney described it as one which would put every member on record on the temperance question. The following is how the House voted:

For the amendment to the amendment—Messrs. Sinclair, Clarke (Northumberland), Lang, Raney, Doherty, Biggs, Nixon, Bowman, Mewhinney, Bragg, Carmichael, Widdifield, Fenton, Oke, Sangster, Kemp, McCallum, Carty, Sewell, Freeborn, Ross, Taylor, Rowe, Kennedy (Peel). Total, 24.

Against the amendment to the amendment—Messrs. Ferguson, Henry, Nickle, Price, Martin, Dr. Godfrey, Dr. Jamieson, Macdiarmid, Owens, Finlayson, Black, Rankin, McKeown, Gray, Nesbitt, Fallis, Bradburn, Clarke (Brockville), Garden, Welchel, Joynt, Lewis, McBrien, Ecclestone, Chambers (West Wellington), Dr. Carr, Cooke, Lyons, McCrea, Goldie, Ireland, Keefer, Currie, Hillmer, Trewartha, Wright, Spence, Morel, Kennedy (Timiskaming), Chambers (South Oxford), Sweet, Elliott, Belford, Graves, Wigle, Milligan, Oakley, Jamieson (West Simcoe), Mark, Stuart, McKnight, Mageau, MacBride, Keith, Mahoney, Wilson (Windsor), Monteith, McCausland, Edwards, Irvine, Armstrong, Harcourt, Thompson, Willson (Niagara Falls), Vaughan, Haney, Belanger, Proulx, Brackin, Pinard, Dr. Wallis, Tellier, Homuth, Heenan, Callan, Berry, Colliver, Stedman, Johnston, Hill, Hambly. Total, 81.

Paired: Beck, Lethbridge; Acres, Fisher.

Absent: R. J. Patterson, Conservative, Victoria South.

Progressives and U.F.O. voted solidly for Mr. Raney's amendment to the amendment.

Conservatives voted solidly against amendment to the amendment, except W. E. Rowe, Simcoe South, and T. L. Kennedy, Peel, who voted for it.

Three Independent Labor members voted against amendment to the amendment.

Liberals who voted against amendment to the amendment were: Mageau, Sturgeon Falls; Belanger, Russell; Proulx, Prescott; Brackin, West Kent; Pinard, Ottawa East; Dr. Wallis, Algoma, and Tellier, North Essex.

## MAY CHANGE SYSTEM OF DISPENSING LIQUOR

### Premier Gives K. K. Homuth Hint Legislation Is Proposed

### WAIT AND SEE, IS ADVICE

Although no official announcement or confirmation was forthcoming after the adjournment of the Legislature last night, it was generally presumed from one phase of the Premier's utterances that the Government, in its impending O.T.A. amendments, intends making some alteration in the system under which the distribution of liquor for medicinal purposes is restricted to holders of doctors' prescriptions.

#### Anticipating Government Policy.

When K. K. Homuth, Independent Labor member for South Waterloo, moved, seconded by Mr. Callan, an amendment expressing regret that there had been no provision made "whereby liquors may be procured for medicinal purposes only without the necessity of a doctor's prescription," Mr. Ferguson objected that he was "anticipating Government policy."

"Legislation," said Mr. Ferguson, "has been promised in the Speech from the Throne, and I think my honorable friend, outside of any question of regularity or irregularity, should be content with awaiting his opportunity when that legislation comes down."

Mr. Homuth—Might I ask if it is the policy of the Government to take this matter into their consideration?

#### Advised to "Wait and See."

Mr. Ferguson—When the Government's policy is brought down in the form of a draft bill, my honorable friend will see exactly and know the same as any other member about it, and then he will have every opportunity of presenting his views in the form of a resolution.

Mr. Homuth—With this indefinite promise of the Prime Minister, I am content to withdraw my amendment.

Afterward, when asked if the Government had anything in mind in connection with the point raised by Mr. Homuth, Mr. Ferguson said it was a matter for "consideration by the Government."