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LIQUOR PRICES RISE; BOARD ACTS AT ONCE ON CABINET REQUEST

All "Hard" Drinks Today
Cost From 10 to 50
Cents More

NEW CORPORATIONS TAX

Applies to All Firms Not
Affected by Levy
of 1927

A solution of some of the difficulties of the Province of Ontario financial situation is to be found. The Globe was informed last night, in a general increase in prices of spirituous liquors at the Liquor Control Board stores.

This increase goes into effect this morning, and ranges from 10 to 50 cents on each bottle, according to the quality of liquor purchased. The increase applies to whiskey, gin, rum, brandy, cocktails and liqueurs. There will be no change in the prices of native or imported wines, or native or imported beers, The Globe was told. Hon. Edward A. Dunlop, Provincial Treasurer, in his Budget statement yesterday afternoon suggested higher cost of liquors at the Government stores as one way of helping to balance the books of the Province, and the decision to put into effect a new scale of prices this morning was made known last evening. For some weeks a staff of accountants has been going over the books of the Liquor Control Board, and they submitted for the approval of the board the plan which goes into effect this morning.

\$2,500,000 Objective.

Last night The Globe was advised that the Ontario Government urged Sir Henry Drayton and his associate members of the board to "adjust prices" by which a larger sum might be applied to Provincial finances.

It is claimed that an objective of \$2,500,000 was set, this sum to include the \$1,800,000 retained out of surplus this year by the board to build up a capital. The adjustment of prices, The Globe was told, includes the handing over to the Provincial Treasury next year of all the surplus earned by the Liquor Control Board.

Nothing is to be held back by the board from the Government. Unofficially it was stated last night that the stores would earn about \$750,000 more the coming year by the increased prices.

Corporation Tax.

The tax of one-tenth of one per cent. on the capital of corporations announced in the Budget speech of Hon. Edward A. Dunlop, Provincial Treasurer, yesterday, will apply to all corporations in Ontario, except those already coming under the corporations tax of 1927. These latter corporations include banks, insurance companies, loan companies, trust companies, railways, street rail-

ways, telegraph companies, telephone companies, gas and electric companies,

race tracks, liquor exporting companies and car companies.

These firms will not be assessed under the new tax, as they already are paying, some in excess of the one-tenth of one per cent. levy. All other corporations operating in the Province will come under the levy. It was pointed out in explaining the act that many other Provinces and States now have a similar tax on the capital of corporations. Largely capitalized firms in the process of organization, like mining companies, will probably not be assessed until they become productive.

With regard to branches of United States companies or other companies which have branches only in Ontario, it is understood that the tax will apply only to the capital used within the Province.

The tax will apply to companies with a Dominion charter as well as to those with a Provincial one. It probably will be levied on the paid-up capital rather than the authorized capital of the companies. If the same regulations apply to this tax as to the present corporation taxes, it will become due on Jan. 1 each year and will be payable on July 1.

FERGUSON IS GUEST OF THEIR MAJESTIES

High Commissioner and His
Wife at Buckingham
Palace

(Canadian Press Cable.)

London, March 12.—Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Canadian High Commissioner to Great Britain, and Mrs. Ferguson were among the 300 guests who took tea with their Majesties at Buckingham Palace today.

These afternoon parties, which are held periodically between the King and Queen's larger social hospitalities, comprise a happy blend of regal ceremony and agreeable informality.

Today's guests, after passing through a succession of reception rooms, were assembled in the large drawing-room, rich with the perfume of flowers. A further door was opened, and the party passed forward to meet their Majesties and other members of the Royal family.

The long tables in the picture gallery were used for the tea, and the King and Queen mingled informally with the company for about an hour.

Sinclair Honored By Liberal M.P.'s

Liberal members of the Ontario Legislature figured in a pleasing little ceremony at the Parliament Buildings yesterday, when they presented their Leader, William E. N. Sinclair, with an enlarged picture of himself, and accompanied it with many expressions of loyalty to his leadership and of thanks for the services he had rendered the party in the past. Mrs. Sinclair was present.

William H. Bragg, Chairman of the Liberal caucus, was master of ceremonies. The picture is to hang on the walls of the Liberal committee-room in company with portraits of distinguished Liberal leaders of the past. Mr. Sinclair hoped to remain in public life for some years yet, and expressed the wish that he might always be of service to the Liberal cause.

Doctors Will Be Able to
Have Available to Them
Latest Type of Apparatus
at Nominal Fee—
Clinics to Be Manned by
Staff of Experts

VOTE FOR ONE UNIT IS IN ESTIMATES

Establishment throughout Ontario of a system of diagnostic clinics, or clinical laboratories, so designed and equipped as to bring to the assistance of the country physician at low nominal fees all the scientific handling of diagnostic problems that is enjoyed by his fellow-practitioners of the larger urban centres is now, it is understood, being planned by the Henry Government.

Each clinic will be equipped, it is understood, for all types of X-ray work, basal-metabolism, blood chemistry and blood microscopy, and the investigation of all manner of pathological tissues or fluids, and will be manned by a staff of experts selected by the Department of Health, under Hon. Dr. John M. Robb. Legislation providing for this new and radical departure in the health history of this Province will, it is expected, shortly be brought down to the Legislature.

So far as can be learned now, the Government proposes first to establish a trial clinic, and a money vote of sufficient proportions—\$20,000—to cover the installation of the same is included in the supplementary estimates, which were placed before the House yesterday afternoon, along with Provincial Treasurer Dunlop's first Budget. From this trial laboratory the arrangement will be extended gradually until some ten or twelve clinics, adequately serving the needs of the Province, will be in operation.

In the event of the Government adopting, as expected, a policy of free radium treatment for all cancer sufferers, the clinics will probably be utilized as distribution stations for the same.