

BEER, WINE SUBJECT TO BE INTRODUCED BY W. HEIGHINGTON

St. David's Member Brings
Motion to Allow Free
Discussion

EXTENSION OF LICENSE

The beer-and-wine question will be served up to the Ontario Legislature before the present session concludes.

This is the intention of a motion tabled in the House yesterday by Wilfred Heighington (Conservative, Toronto-St. David's), who entirely dissociates himself in this move to have the subject discussed from actions of any group, movement or league sponsoring a wetter Ontario. He brought on the motion in order that the issue would have free discussion, and he is not acting independently for the Government, he told *The Globe*.

Mr. Heighington declared in an interview that his motion had nothing to do with hard liquor; it was not a retaliatory measure to existing legislation; and claimed that it was not a departure from Premier Henry's espoused policy, as stated at Brockville—when the Premier, he says, said there would be no change in the system. The same system as now will continue, the member from St. David's said, only that the license of the brewery to sell would be extended to hotels and clubs.

May Not Come to Vote.

The member declared that he had intended speaking to the question during the Budget debate, but was unable to do so on the last days set aside for private members.

His notice of motion, which may be called for discussion at the pleasure of the Government, may never come to a vote, unless enough outspoken wets in the House rise in their seats demanding a division, when party lines could be split on the resolution of a private member.

Motion Cited.

It reads as follows:

"That in the opinion of this House, legislation should be introduced by the Government creating a statutory obligation on the Commissioners under the Liquor Control Act;

(a) In appropriate cases to issue permits for the use of wines and beers at public banquets.

(b) To issue to all clubs and hotels still in operation which, on the introduction of the Ontario Temperance Act, 1916, possessed a license for the sale of beers, wines or spirituous liquors, a license to permit the sale of beer and wines with meals, under effective supervision.

(c) To issue to any club or hotel mentioned in paragraph (b), upon a special application, and subject to similar supervision, a license to serve any kind of beer or wine on any week-day, after the hour of 5 p.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

(d) To issue to clubs or hotels still in operation and brought into being since 1916 the same privileges, but in the sole discretion of the Commissioners of the Liquor Control Board."

BILL IS INTRODUCED TO PROTECT EQUITY

Amendment to Woodsmen's
Lien Act Proposed by
Hutchinson

For the purpose of protecting the equity which a mortgagor may have in property, Farquhar Oliver (U.F.O., Grey South), seconded by Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Progressive Leader, introduced a bill in the Legislature yesterday which would provide for the taking of the case before a Judge.

Where residence mortgage property has been at least one-third paid for, and where foreclosure proceedings are being taken, the mortgagor could go before a Judge, as provided in the Mortgagor and Purchasers' Relief Act, according to the bill. And the Judge could review the circumstances and make any order which he thought justified in order to protect the mortgagor's equity in his property.

Another bill, sponsored by Earl Hutchinson (Labor, Kenora) would amend the Woodsmen's Lien Act. The act at present provides that where wood, timber or lumber is sent out of the Province a lien may be placed on it to protect the workmen's wages, but this does not apply to such products disposed of in the Province. Mr. Hutchinson's bill would bring this within the scope of the act. First readings were given both bills.

Another Premier Passing Out? Looks Like it, Says Sinclair

Ironic humor featured Liberal House Leader W. E. N. Sinclair's contribution to the Budget debate in the Legislature yesterday, the touch of irony being injected at the commencement of his speech, when he referred smilingly, but pointedly, to Premier Henry's present dilemma in respect to the leadership of the Conservative Party in Ontario. Mixed emotions were evident on the Government benches as he dealt with this delicate subject.

"The Budget debate is always interesting. There are many criticisms and many suggestions. But this one becomes particularly interesting from reading of the morning papers today," remarked Mr. Sinclair. "It looks like the passing of a Premier.

"I have seen four Premiers pass. Mr. Whitney passed to his fathers. Mr. Hearst passed out. Mr. Drury passed back to the land, and Mr. Ferguson passed to his reward," said Mr. Sinclair amid applause. "And now rumor has it that Premier Henry is being passed out.

"But he is not being passed out by the Liberals; not by Mr. Hepburn and the member from Brant, but by his own friends. I warned him in 1930, when I referred to the great men of the class of 1896, Mr. Henry, Mr. Meighen and Mr. Sinclair. Mr. Meighen has been dethroned and I have been crucified. I warned the Premier to look out.

"Rumor has it that he is to share a similar fate. What a class, that one of '96!" he remarked, with another smile. "But Mr. Meighen managed to do better. He lost one job and got two. I have my job here yet, and my people at home gave me another one. So there is hope for the Premier yet. The class of '96 is hard to down. I say to the Premier, just stick around. It may not be so."

These observations brought open smiles to many members of the Conservative Party, as well as applause from the Opposition benches. The Premier sat with a grim smile on his rugged countenance. He offered no comment.