

Military Messes, High-Grade Clubs To Get Privilege

Hotel Beverage Rooms to
Vend Draught Beer at
Five Cents

QUEBEC SALE RULED OUT

Strict Supervision, Local
Option in Queen's
Park Plan

It is anticipated at Queen's Park that disclosure of the Government plans with regard to beer and wine sale in Ontario will be made mid-week, and that the suggested legislation will be presented to the House by Attorney-General Price on or about Wednesday.

New Plans.

The proposals are likely to include, among other provisions, the following:

Beer and wine to be sold with meals in dining-rooms of standard hotels and high-grade eating places.

Beer—including draught beer at an expected price of 5 cents per glass—to be sold in hotel beverage rooms.

Beer to be available to high-grade clubs and military messes.

Wines to be sold only with meals.

No beverage rooms to be established outside of hotels.

Retain Many Control Features.

Among the other possibilities growing out of the proposed legislation, it is anticipated that many of the "control" features of the present Liquor Control Act will be retained, but will be merely realigned to meet the new conditions. If the above legislation materializes, it is understood that the Liquor Control Board of Ontario would recast its regulations sufficiently to permit liquor advertising in the daily press and Provincial periodicals; allow banquet permits; lower present individual permit costs, at the same time maintaining sufficient vising of liquor store patronage to keep adequate check on stores being used as source of supply of liquor for resale purposes.

Other features likely to be fitted into the complex liquor control puzzle-picture are: The "Tavern" sale principle, as permitted under the Quebec legislation, is said to be definitely "out." Restaurants and eating places below a specified standard will be outside the licensing provisions of the new liquor regulations.

Responsible to Board.

The proprietors of the duly authorized beverage rooms, or where beer and wine may be served with meals, will be ipso facto Liquor Control Board agents or representatives—being di-

rectly responsible to the board for the conduct of their establishment in accord with the law.

It is further said to be the intention of the Henry Government, not only to approve the new Liquor Control Legislation in the current session, but to leave it dormant on the statute books, on a proclamation basis—if and when returned to power.

The introduction of the suggested legislative enactments at this stage, would indicate a midsummer appeal to the voters of Ontario it is said.

The first sensation of the dull session came Thursday, with Liberal D. Paul Munro's charge that the Government gave a clean bill to highway payroll-padders, and this allegation now goes to the Public Accounts Committee for investigation, probably next week. Now before the committee is House Leader McQuibban's effort to trace the Henry surplus to a heavy drain on Liquor Board profits, while in the offing are three motions by Progressive Leader Nixon. The Private Bills and Agriculture Committees expect to wind up the session's activities with meetings this week.

The House made good progress during last week with the mass of bills from the Government and private members. An important item on this week's list is the debate on the motion of Russell Nesbitt, Toronto Conservative, for a committee investigation of construction industry abuses. It is understood that the Government will accept the motion.