

PERMIT RULING FOR BEER AND WINE MAY BE RELAXED

Right Is Given to Liquor
Control Board to Amend
Regulations

LOCAL OPTION LAWS

Purchases of beer and wine without a permit are allowed at the Liquor Board's discretion under amendments to the Liquor Control Act presented to the Legislature yesterday by Attorney-General W. H. Price. The new measure, containing changes in the body of the act necessitated by the beer-by-glass clause, includes important provisions with respect to voting in local option areas, and increases penalties for infractions of the act.

In the main yesterday's bill merely revises individual clauses to meet new conditions, such as that by which Control Board powers are widely extended to cover issuance of "authorities" and supervision over sale.

Officials authorized by the board to issue authorities are permitted to take evidence under oath, and may refuse, cancel or suspend authorities without giving reason or explanation. Delivery of beer is facilitated, and expiration of authorities is set for Oct. 31 of each year.

Local Option.

In the matter of local option, the bill rules that there shall be no interference with districts where the Canada Temperance Act is effective. It is specifically provided that in those districts "no authority for the sale of beer or wine shall be issued under the act." Further, "except as provided by the regulations, no store shall be established by the board for the sale of liquor, and no authority for the sale of liquor shall be issued under this act in any municipality or portion of a municipality in which at the time of the coming into force of the Ontario Temperance Act, a by-law passed under the Liquor License Act or under any other act, was in force prohibiting the sale of liquor by retail unless and until a vote has been taken to establish Government stores or for the issuance of authorities for the sale of beer and wine in the manner hereinafter provided."

However, "the Council of any municipality in which such by-law was in force may submit to a vote of the persons qualified to be entered on the voters' lists, and to vote at elections to the Assembly and to the municipality, one of the following questions:

"1. Are you in favor of authorities

being issued for standard hotels and other premises wherein beer or wine may be sold under the Liquor Control Act?

"2. Are you in favor of authorities being issued for standard hotels wherein beer or wine may be sold under the Liquor Control Act?"

"3. Are you in favor of authorities being issued for premises other than standard hotels, wherein beer or wine may be sold under the Liquor Control Act?"

"4. Are you in favor of authorities being issued for the sale of beer only in authorized premises under the Liquor Control Act?"

In the event of reversal of public opinion, dry regulations can be restored by vote on similar questions as to cancellation of the provisions. The clause requiring petition by at least 25 per cent. of the persons on the voters' list, before a vote is taken, is retained, and the three-fifths majority is still required before a change can be made.

Advertisements on premises where sale is permitted under the act, will require Liquor Board approval.

A clause relating to native wine is as follows: "Subject to the provisions of this act and the regulations, and to any restrictions which the board may impose, manufacturers of native wines may keep and offer for sale, sell and deliver in such quantities as may be permitted by the board."

Fines for first offenses against the act, where no penalty has been specifically provided, are raised from a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$100 to a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$500. For second offenses the maximum is raised from \$500 to \$1,000.

SUBURBS MAY USE CITY POLICE SERVICE

Extension Arrangement Pro-
vided in Statute Law
Amendment

OTHER CHANGES MADE

A clause permitting suburbs to arrange for the extension of the police service of the neighboring large city into the suburban community was included in the odds and ends of legislation incorporated into the annual Statute Law Amendment, and introduced on the floor of the Legislature yesterday by Hon. W. H. Price.

The make-up of the City Council section of the Exhibition Association is clarified by another clause, which provides that the section "shall consist of the Mayor of the City of Toronto, all other members of the Council of said city, the Chief Constable and all permanent heads of civic departments appointed by said Council."

Other Enactments.

Other enactments included in the amendment provide:

Mothers' allowances in special cases shall be authorized by an Order-in-Council, notwithstanding the provisions of the act.

Municipal liability and Provincial aid legislation shall be extended to the recently appearing convalescent hospitals.

British subjects only shall be candidates for admission to the Law Society.

Embalming fluids and chemicals may be regulated by Order-in-Council to prohibit the use of certain types which may tend to defeat the ends of justice.

Companies Act Altered.

One phase of the amendment deals entirely with changes in the Companies Act. A repeal of Section 45 of this act places private companies on the same basis as public companies and dispenses with the necessity for a statutory meeting shortly after incorporation. Another clause requires a ten-day notice of shareholders' meetings unless all shareholders dispense with this notice by a written waiver. It is also proposed no person shall be eligible to the directorship of a joint insurance company unless 21 years of age and absolute holder of a certain paid-up portion of capital stock.

In another bill introduced yesterday, Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, proposes to bring the pending Dominion Fruit Act and the Dominion Root Vegetable Act into force in Ontario, and make it unnecessary for a commission dealer recognized by the Federal authorities to take out a second permit from the Province.

Hon William Finlayson introduced a resolution giving Legislative approval to the Metropolitan Area Committee and providing for its extension and financing.

A resolution moved by the Prime Minister permitted the Public Accounts Committee, engaged in investigating the highway charge to meet during the session.