

LIQUOR BOARD SHOWS PROFIT OF \$9,893,587

Increase of \$932,987 Reported for Year Ending March 31, 1938, Ontario Legislature Told

Profits of \$9,893,587 for the year ending March 31, 1938, were shown in the report of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario tabled in the Ontario Legislature yesterday. This was an increase of \$932,987 over profits of \$8,960,600 in the preceding fiscal year.

Sales of spirits, beer and wine from liquor stores in the twelve months amounted to \$22,830,002 and the net value of beer from the breweries and brewers' warehouses totalled \$26,289,136. Sales of native wine direct to customers from licensed native wines sales offices and wineries amounted to \$1,886,530.

There was an increase in sales from liquor stores of nearly \$2,000,000, but a drop of more than \$5,000,000 in the sale of beer from breweries, wineries and winery stores. Liquor stores sales in the year ending March 31, 1937, were \$20,733,367, sales from breweries and brewery warehouses, \$31,621,194, and from wineries and winery stores, \$1,660,637.

Tonnage of Ontario grapes used in the manufacture of wine, concentrates, grape juice, and brandy was 12,161. There were 223 tons of cherries used for wine-making. Distilled into grape spirits for wine fortifications were 226,418 gallons of native wines.

On March 31, 1938, there were 1,147 hotel authorities in operation, 233 club authorities, 119 military mess authorities, and one railway authority. Fifty-three summer hotels had licenses.

On March 31, 1938, there were 1,313 standard hotel licenses effective, of which 1,147 had beer authorities.

The year saw 50,880 individual annual liquor permits issued at \$2 each. Sales of single purchase permits totalled 3,116,729 at 25 cents each.

The board issued 3,074 prohibitory orders, an increase of 800 over the preceding year. There were 612 "full" board orders prohibiting individuals to buy any alcoholic beverages from any legal source. The remaining 2,462 forbid purchase for home consumption.

Police Control Bill Introduced

Authority for the Attorney-General to direct the Commissioner of Provincial Police to take over the control of all Ontario police forces for the investigation of any grave crime or the apprehension of any dangerous criminal is provided in the police co-ordination bill—long heralded and long planned—which Hon. Gordon Conant brought down in the Legislature yesterday.

The bill also provides that the Attorney-General, where requests come from municipalities or in cases where he deems such inquiries advisable, may investigate the conduct of police officers of municipal forces or make a survey of the general policing administration and system of municipalities. Wherever probes are undertaken without request, the expenses will be paid by the Province.

HINTS AT SALE OF PAPER FIRM

Negotiations within recent weeks, with "some persons very close to the British Government," for the sale of the assets of the Lake Sulphide Pulp Company have been reported to the Department of Lands and Forests, Hon. Peter Heenan, minister, revealed yesterday before the Ontario Legislature.

Mr. Heenan did not disclose the identity of the negotiating parties, reporting merely that "some people have been in England negotiating with some people very close to the British Government."

The information was given when Col. G. A. Drew, Leader of the Opposition, pointed out there was a report that there was a move on foot to sell the company, which is now in the hands of a receiver.

Mr. Heenan said the receiver had asked him recently if there would be any objection to him advertising for proposals for refinancing, and that he was advised the government would welcome such a proposal.

Assets of the company are said to include some 120,000 cords of pulp, cutting rights under a Provincial agreement in the Thunder Bay District and the plant property at Red Rock.

Two-Week Holiday With Pay Asked by Croll for Workers

Legislation, which, if adopted, would compel employers to grant two weeks' holidays with pay to all employees who have worked for them continuously for one year or more, will be introduced shortly before the Ontario Legislature by David A. Croll (Lib., Windsor-Walkerville), it was reported yesterday.

The Windsor Mayor, and for-

mer Minister of Municipal Affairs and Welfare in the Hepburn Cabinet, will emphasize to the House, it is said, the necessity for legislation of this kind. The trend in industry and commerce is toward more leisure for employees, and in the opinion of Mr. Croll, there is no sound reason why workers who are not in the white-collar class, should not receive holidays with pay.