

Government on corporation and income tax."

**Letter From Ilesley.**

He read a letter from Finance Minister Ilesley in which he said: "I fully confirm your view," and in which he stated: "It is not the intention of the Dominion to embark on the regulation or sale of alcoholic beverages."

"In view of that assurance," declared Mr. Hepburn, "we turned over the corporation and income tax."

Then, he said, Prime Minister King "put on the armor of God and decided to chase the demon Rum to its lair. He violated a definite agreement."

Tracing the development of Dominion action in regard to liquor, Mr. Hepburn recalled that after the announcement in September of the Dominion restrictive action purchases "increased by leaps and bounds" and in December the Government not only imposed restrictions, but made them retroactive so that Ontario had to impose its own restrictions.

It brought about "a system of chaos," said Mr. Hepburn, citing lineups at beer stores and liquor stores; women with baby carriages in the queues "and bootleggers and hi-jackers outside offering for \$12 a bottle what could be got inside for \$3 or \$4. What an indictment against us!"

**Heavy Exports.**

It had been found that the Federal Government had allowed export of 260,000 gallons of liquor and "millions of gallons of beer."

"While he had no concern about our morals, he was not reluctant to sell the same kind of poison to our allies," Mr. Hepburn said of Mr. King. "They reduced the strength of the whisky and not only watered the whisky but taxed the water." Then, he said, came scenes in alleys and "lilac perfume," referring to increasing use of lilac lotions for their alcoholic content.

Premier King had got his political ear to the ground lately, he said and in view of the coming Haldimand-Norfolk by-election had presumably thought "now is the time to unload this baby on somebody else's doorstep, so he unloaded it on the Provinces which stood in his way on the Sirois report."

He declared that Mr. King's lack of co-operation charges were "absolutely unwarranted" and added: "You can't co-operate with a bureaucracy such as Ottawa—the most incompetent, hypocritical Government."

Concluding, Mr. Hepburn declared: "I'm with the Prime Minister (Mr. Drew) whole-heartedly and completely on this question and I believe 100 per cent of the citizens feel the same way."

# THRONE SPEECH VOTE UPHOLDS DREW, 49 TO 31

The first recorded vote in the Legislature this session found the Drew Government sustained yesterday by a vote of 49 to 31 on the motion to adopt the Speech from the Throne. There was no amendment offered by the C.C.F., but when Premier George Drew called for a recorded vote the C.C.F. Opposition voted solidly against the Government.

All Liberal members and the two Labor Progressive members voted with the Government. Liberal Leader Harry C. Nixon and his first lieutenant, Farquhar Oliver, were absent from the House when the vote was taken. They left early for Haldimand-Norfolk to address by-election meetings. Aurelien Belanger (L., Prescott) was another Liberal absentee. With the exception of Agriculture Minister T. L. Kennedy, who is sick, the Government's treasury benches were all occupied. Several Progressive Conservative members were absent.

Asked after adjournment if the Government's request for a recorded vote had come as a surprise, C.C.F. Leader E. B. Jolliffe said he thought the Government might take this action.

**No Alternative.**

"We refrained from bringing in an amendment and were prepared to have the Speech adopted without a division of the House," said Mr. Jolliffe. "But when the Premier called for a recorded vote we had no alternative but to vote against the Government."

Mr. Jolliffe described the Government's legislative program as embodied in the Speech from the Throne as a "two-legged horse." As far as these proposed measures went they were satisfactory, but they did not go nearly far enough toward correcting existing inequalities, he declared.

With the Throne Speech debate now out of the way after three weeks of discussion, the path is paved for introduction of Provincial Treasurer Leslie Frost's Budget. It is expected the Budget will be brought down Friday, but there is an outside chance it may be delayed until early next week.

**Co-ordination Policy.**

Urging the vital importance of the Government's proposals for planning and development in Ontario, Dana Porter (P.C., Toronto - St. George), who concluded the debate on the Throne Speech, pointed out that all such proposals were dependent upon a policy of co-ordination of all interested parties. Labor would be welcome to contribute constructive suggestions, he said, and he felt sure that where labor leaders were satisfied they were being taken into the full confidence of the Government, "they will put the interests of labor first and partisan politics second."

Mr. Porter observed that among the 24 bills given Royal assent yesterday had been included the Planning and Development Bill.

**Beer "Made at Home."**

In a comment on liquor restrictions, Mr. Porter said: "The public as a whole have never been satisfied that the restrictions on the sale of beer have been necessary restrictions for prosecution of the war. We are prepared to accept limitations on tea, coffee, sugar. These commodities come from abroad. Beer is made at home."

Restrictions on the sale of liquor and beer, he said, were "examples of legislation that faces the danger of running counter to a large section of the community. Beer restrictions are not only irksome, but are giving cause for unrest in large industrial sections because the people have not been taken into the Federal Government's confidence and given reasons for it — perhaps because there are no reasons at all." There seemed to be "no evidence that there is any excuse at all for depriving men of the reasonable amount of beer they might want to buy," he said.