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NOT TO INTERFERE IN LIQUOR TRAFFIC, SAYS EXCISE CHIEF

Hon. Jacques Bureau Also Takes Full Authority for Granting License.—His Interest in Taxes.

In an interview given recently Hon. Jacques Bureau, Minister of Customs and Excise, said that he would not interfere and did not see any reason for interfering with shipments of liquor from Ontario or other Canadian points cleared for the United States. When such liquor was cleared and the excise duty paid, his department was through with the matter, he said. If the shipment of liquor was diverted from its destination and brought back to Ontario, that was a matter for the Ontario authorities to deal with, Mr. Bureau claimed.

Mr. Bureau said that his department now took the full responsibility in the granting or rejection of brewery or distillery licenses for Ontario, and did not consult Ontario about the matter at all. He said that he could see no reason for changing the present liquor law so that the export of liquor to the United States should be prohibited. So far as he knew, no such change was contemplated by the Government.

It was "up to" the Province of Ontario to enforce its own Temperance Act, declared the minister of Customs. "I am not going to take the money of other Provinces to police Ontario," he said. He added that in this he was giving the view of the Government, but until the Government issued other instructions, that was the course the department intended to follow.

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How Duty is Paid

"The duty of my department is to see that the excise duty is paid," stated Mr. Bureau. In the case of beer, the duty is paid on the malt before the beer is made. In the case of other liquors, the excise duty is either paid at the distillery before the liquor is released for shipment, or it is shipped in bond for export. There is no excise on liquor shipped in bond for export, but the shippers give a bond of double the amount of the excise tax that the liquor will be exported. Where it is shipped in bond, a landing certificate must be produced, showing that the shipment was actually received and not until then, the bond is released. In the absence of such certificate, the bond, being double the amount of excise tax, is forfeited and collected by my department.

"No liquor, however, is accepted in bond for export to the United States. It is evident then that in the case of liquor cleared for the United States the excise tax has been collected by our department. To all intents and purposes our department is through with this liquor. The excise tax has been paid, and we do not attempt to follow all shipments of liquors from the various distilleries. We are not interested in that. We collect the tax before the liquor is released from the distillery, and after that they can ship it pretty much wherever they please.

Keeps Record of Cargoes

"When a cargo of liquor is cleared for the United States, the shipper must make an export entry showing the amount and nature of the goods shipped. This is mainly for statistical purposes. From these records we compile trade reports and statistics.

"In the first place it must be remembered that export shipment of liquor is quite legal. If I administer my department within the four corners of the law, I cannot interfere with this export trade, and I intend to keep within the law in administering my department. In the second place, people seem to forget that the laws of the United States do not prohibit importation of liquor into that country. The possession of liquor for sacramental, art or medicinal purposes is still legal there.

Does Not Favor Exclusion

Respecting the changing of the law prohibiting export, Mr. Bureau asked why the Canadian manufac-

turer of liquor should be excluded from any foreign market. Such a change in the act would have to apply to the whole of Canada, he said, and he further asked what reason there was to stop the export of liquors from Provinces which were not "dry." Ontario should keep in mind that it was not the whole of Canada, he said. He did not know of any such amendment being considered by the Government.

Commissioner of Customs and Excise, R. R. Farrow, who accompanied Mr. Bureau to Toronto, said that the recent conference between Canadian and United States authorities had not considered the matter of the prohibition of export, but merely the notification of United States authorities when shipment were cleared. Mr. Bureau said that it was a question whether a shipment of liquor cleared for the United States and turned back to Ontario before entering the United States could be said to be smuggled. What country was it smuggled from? he asked. Moreover, he denied most emphatically that shipments were cleared from lake ports to Havana. The instructions of the department on this matter were being carried out to the letter, said Mr. Bureau.

That Brantford License

In the matter of the license of the Bixel Brewing Company of Brantford, Mr. Bureau said that, while technically it was a new license, actually it was a renewal. Distilleries and breweries had to conform to the Dominion law governing the granting of licenses before such licenses were issued. Ontario stood in the same position as the other Provinces, he said.

NO NEW ROADS IN PROVINCIAL SYSTEM

Hon. Mr. Henry So Informs Grey Delegation Which Presented Hanover Singhampton Road Situation.—May Be Made Major County Road

With the object of having the road across Grey County, from west to east, from Hanover to Singhampton, made a provincial highway, a deputation from Grey and Bruce counties visited the Parliament buildings at Toronto on Tuesday of this week and waited upon Hon. George S. Henry, minister of highways. The petitioners were told that the request could not be granted because of the Government's policy of making no additions at the present time to the provincial system, but they were promised that consideration would be given to raising the road from a 40 per cent to a 60 per cent county road.

The deputation was introduced by Hon. Dr. Jamieson, M. P. for South Grey, and included W. L. Taylor of Singhampton; W. Calder of Durham; D. McTavish, warden of Grey County; D. L. Monek of Hanover; W. Ball and D. Sinclair of Bruce County. It was pointed out to them by Hon. Mr. Henry that Hon. Mr. Ferguson had said that no addition would be made to the provincial system at the present time.

It was also pointed out that the advisory highway committee, appointed at the last session of the Legislature, has been making a survey of the roads of the province and is presenting a report upon the changes that, in its opinion, should be made in classifications. Promise was given that consideration would be given to the Grey County road when this report was received, and that decision would be made upon the point of raising its status from that of a minor county road towards which the Government contributed 40 per cent of the cost of maintenance to a county road towards which the Government contributes 60 per cent of the cost of maintenance.

In justification of their request, the members of the deputation had pointed out that their district provincial highways ran only north and south. They were of the opinion that a provincial highway running from Hanover to Singhampton would serve a wide territory and provide a useful road from Lake Huron to the eastern section of the province.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR STEALING COAT

Young Glenelg Man On Trial Monday Before Magistrate Laidlaw.—Must Report Monthly For One Year.

Thomas Hannigan, a young lad eighteen years of age, was before Magistrate Laidlaw Monday night charged with stealing an overcoat belonging to Harry Smallman of Normanby. The theft was committed in the Methodist Church sheds on Sunday evening during service. When Smallman came out of church, he missed his coat, and reported the matter at once with the result that he learned that the accused had been seen leaving the church shed before service was over. The local constables were pressed into service, and after securing warrants, finally arrested the young man and brought him in to the local lock-up.

At the trial Monday night, Magistrate Laidlaw, with the approval of the Crown Attorney, gave Hannigan a suspended sentence of two years less one day at the Guelph Prison Farm. In addition, every month to report the first of every month to the Magistrate, keep good company and pay the costs, amounting in all to \$27.00. Bail was fixed at \$200 for his appearance if called upon.

The case was a sad one, that of a boy none too bright, appropriating an overcoat for his own warmth, and even when arrested it is said he did not know he was doing anything wrong. Though his parents live in the vicinity of Hanover, the young lad has been working for some time in Centre Glenelg. He is said to be a good worker, a nice boy, and is well thought of by the residents of that section, so his recent misdemeanor was not regarded too harshly by either court or spectators.

The local authorities, however, are not going to be so lenient if they get their hands on some of the petty thieves of the neighborhood. During the past few weeks, The Chronicle has reported more than one theft from the church sheds here, and the end is not yet. Last Sunday night, Mr. D. Robinson had his horse in the Presbyterian shed, and while the sermon was going on, some light-fingered party removed a full string of bells and made off with it. The bells were new, we understand, having been purchased the day before.

The clover leaf is lucky; if found all by itself, it predicts serene and undisturbed happiness; if surrounded by clouds, it shows the presence of disagreeable things to mar the happiness.

MOORE IN SERIOUS ROLE

Popular Player is Well Cast in "The Silent Partner."

After five years of comedy roles in pictures, Owen Moore plays his first serious part in "The Silent Partner," a Paramount picture, which comes to the Veterans' Star Theatre for Friday and Saturday. Mr. Moore says that to him comedy and comedy-drama require much more effort than straight drama. A demonstrative audience, he has noticed, is appreciative of good comedy acting. On the other hand, acting in drama may be mediocre, yet if the story is strong, the audience will appear satisfied.

"The Silent Partner," a Charles Mainie production, is for the most part pure drama, though lightened by occasional touches of comedy relief. The theme is a powerful one—the right of a wife to have something to say regarding her husband's business activities—to assure a certain income for the family, instead of taking chances on speculation. Leatrice Joy and Robert Edison are featured with Mr. Moore in this superb production.

The Germans have at length discovered that it is easier to gather the shackles of peace than it is to apply the shackles of war.—Columbia Record.

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