

BLAIR'S BILL ADOPTED. Carleton Exempt From the Hotel Clause in the Act.

Two-thirds of all Fines Will go Into the St. John Treasury. A Brewer's License Will Cost Eight Hundred Dollars—Some Amendments.

Fredericton, March 17.—Mr. Mott submitted a report from the committee on municipalities; Mr. Fowler from the committee on the liquor traffic; Mr. Mott from the committee on the standing rules.

Mr. Stookton gave notice of a motion for correspondence between Sir Leonard Tilley and the government on the subject of the liquor traffic.

Mr. Stookton said he had always understood it to be the practice of the legislature that such exemptions should not be allowed, and he believed that the principle should be maintained.

On the motion that the speaker leave the chair and that the house resolve itself into committee of the whole to consider the bill, it was agreed.

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Dr. Stookton—I did not say that I said I did not believe they would be lessened.

Hon. Mr. White said the bill also provided for an additional license fee to be paid by the liquor seller.

Dr. Stookton—Yes, but upon whom was the burden of the bill to be placed, because from the moment that the bill was introduced, it was the most restrictive and effective measure ever placed on the statute book of this province.

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Hon. Mr. Emmerson—I am surprised that the hon. leader of the opposition should say that he would be disappointed if the number was reduced.

than any other—and that was the taking away of the power to issue licenses from the city authorities or county authorities and vesting it in a board of commissioners.

Dr. Stookton—Do you expect there will be no cessation under this law. Mr. White—Well, we are going to appoint men to enforce it—our own men.

Hon. Mr. White—My hon. friend has the innocence of the cooling dove. He poses as a temperance man, but—

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consider the bill in all its bearings and details. This subject had been up before the house a few days ago in the shape of an amendment to section 10 of the liquor act of 1887.

Dr. Stookton—By opening the hotels? Mr. White—No, not by opening the hotels. The hon. member was willing to close his eyes to all the illegal selling that had been going on in St. John for years.

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