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Local Opinion Is Expressed On Speech of Prime Minister

Mrs. W. T. G. Brown, president of the local Women's Christian Temperance Union and Herbert Johnston, one of the directors of the Hotel Association of Ontario, and proprietor of the Plaza Hotel here, today commented on the speech delivered last night by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, as follows:

MRS. W. T. G. BROWN

Mrs. W. T. G. Brown, president of the local Women's Christian Temperance Union stated this morning that she was pleased with the new limitation of alcoholic drink.

"I am pleased that Prime Minister King has publicly declared that the excessive use of alcohol will do more than any other single factor to make impossible a total war effort," said Mrs. Brown. "I was pleased also to hear of the prohibition of advertising of beverages, the reduction of alcoholic content in drinks and the reduced hours of sale that were proposed.

"But there is also a criticism. I think Mr. King ought to have made a stronger appeal for self sacrifice, namely that all patriotically minded men and women should abandon the use of drink for the duration of the war and that no host and hostess should serve it during wartime.

"I think criticism is due also of the decrease order because it unfortunately hinges on an already greatly increased sale."

HERBERT JOHNSTON

Speaking as a director of the Hotel Association of Ontario, Herbert Johnston, manager of the Plaza Hotel in Kingston, said in an interview this morning his personal opinion was that the Ontario Liquor Control Board might order an eight-hour day for beverage rooms and this would relieve the help situation and would curtail the sale of beer sufficiently to come out even on the 10 per cent cut in beer as announced by Prime Minister King.

"The beverage rooms in Kingston are now open from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.," said Mr. Johnston. "If this 13-hour day is cut to eight hours, our sale of beer will be less, naturally, and I feel we will come out evenly on the new beer rationing. Starting this month, we have been rationed in some brands of beer, but whether this is a Government regulation or a manufacturers' regulation, I do not know.

"But the beverage room staffs in Kingston will be given a holiday from seven o'clock Thursday evening, Christmas Eve, until Monday at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 28."