

REFERENDUM RESOLUTION IS DEFEATED

By An Amendment Which
Puts it Off Until Prohibition
is Voted on.

NON-PARTY MATTER

In Which the "Yeas" and
"Nays" Were Each About
Equally Divided Between
Both Sides of the House.

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Speaking in the resolution Mr. Tweeddale said: In moving this resolution, I want it to be distinctly understood that it is not a Government nor in any sense a party measure. I am simply exercising my right and privilege as a representative of the people, and a member of this House. Every honorable member will have an opportunity of expressing his vote in accordance with his conscientious convictions, taking to himself a personal and individual responsibility, without in any way affecting his political allegiance.

It may not be necessary for me to give to the House the necessity or reason for introducing the resolution, as that was fully explained in the speeches delivered by His Lordship, Bishop Richardson, and the other reverend gentlemen representing the different religious denominations of the province, when they addressed the hon. members of this House last week. During the period of the war, almost all civilized countries either embargoed, restricted or prohibited the use or sale of intoxicating liquor. The Federal Government as a war measure, prohibited inter-provincial traffic in intoxicating liquors and since the cessation of distilleries, have reelected the order, but along with it have made provision by a statutory regulation, giving the people in the respective provinces an opportunity of making known to the Federal Government their wishes in respect to inter-provincial traffic in spirituous and intoxicating liquors. This is a recognition of the broad principles of democracy and takes away from the government the responsibilities of imposing what to some might seem to be an arbitrary law upon the respective provinces.

In the Federal Statutes providing for referendum it is necessary to have a resolution similar to this passed by the Legislature before the Federal Government will hold a plebiscite. If this resolution was not moved in the House this session, a plebiscite could not be held on or after the next election. Attorney-General Daniels, of the Nova Scotia Government, gave notice of the resolution in the Legislature in that province as a government measure, on the 16th instant.

I am not going to undertake to use either argument or powers of persuasion. Every honorable member will be free to exercise his own judgment on the issue, and will be recorded by Hansard according as he votes for or against the issue.

In my judgment, provincial prohibition is practically impossible of enforcement with inter-provincial traffic in spirituous and intoxicating liquors permissible.

Mr. Peck, in seconding the resolution, said that it had been proposed by the New Brunswick branch of the Temperance Alliance and was cordially approved by a large number of clergymen and business men of the province. He considered it one of the most important questions at present agitating the public mind, and he had much pleasure in seconding the resolution, the object of which was to give the people an opportunity to express their opinion.

An Amendment

Mr. Michaud agreed with the mover of the resolution that all hon. members had the right to exercise their individual opinion on the question. He considered the matter an important one, not only for New Brunswick, but for Canada. Personally he had always been a temperance man and had worked for the cause prior to the passage of the intoxicating liquor Act. Since that he had taken no part either for or against temperance, and had not even appeared in court in connection with liquor cases. He was opposed to the resolution because it meant interference by the Federal Government in provincial affairs. Another reason for his being opposed to it was that he felt it would neutralize the effect of the plebiscite to be taken on the intoxicating liquor Act. Prior to the election in 1917 he had refused to commit himself on the question of prohibition, but had agreed to do nothing to minimize its effects until

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such time as the people had pronounced upon the question. No appeal had yet been made to the people on the question, and he did not think that the result of the last election was a proper interpretation of the Intoxicating Liquor Act. He believed the people should have a chance to say whether or not they wanted prohibition before they were asked to say whether liquor was to be imported or not. He would move, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the following:
"That all the words after the word 'that' in the resolution now before the House be struck out, and the following words substituted, therefore:
Whereas, The Legislative Assembly of this Province has passed the Act known as the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1914,
And whereas the said Act provided that after the declaration of peace the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a day for the holding of an election for or against the retention of the said Act;
And whereas the Government of this Province has promised that an election as aforesaid shall be held in the near future;
Be it therefore resolved that in the opinion of this House it is not advisable that the people of this Province should express their opinion on the question of inter-provincial trade in liquors until they have pronounced themselves in favor of the retention of the prohibition law as now in force in New Brunswick."

Mr Campbell Seconds

Mr. Campbell, in seconding the amendment said that he had endeavored to look at the question from a constitutional and legal aspect. He had always been a temperance man in the best and truest sense of the term. As legislators they were not discussing total abstinence or the use of intoxicating liquors, but were to decide which way they were to vote on the resolution before the House. He noted by the Dominion Herald that when the question was before Parliament strong and able opposition was made against the passage of the Act. The controversy had been lengthy and numerous points had been raised but he would only take time to refer to a few of them. It should be remembered that the Act looked forward to prohibition of inter-provincial trade and only applied to provinces where the sale of liquor was prohibited. New Brunswick was one of those provinces and was about to decide the question by a plebiscite.

Elections were always uncertain and supposing the Act was defeated, where would the province be if in the meantime the electors had voted to prohibit inter-provincial trade. To use a common expression it would be a case of putting the cart before the horse. It must be remembered that the plebiscite provided for by the Dominion Act would have to be taken in electoral districts that meant for instance that a vote could not be taken in the counties of York and Sunbury, but in the constituency of York-Sunbury. He could not see how the representatives of Sunbury county could on the resolution before the House give expression to the views of the people of York county. He was hopeful that the points he had raised against the resolution would commend themselves to hon. members.

Amendment Carried

The question being put on the amendment the House divided as follows:
Yeas—Hon. Mr. Foster, Hon. Mr. Smith, Hon. Mr. Veniot, Hon. Mr. Dugal, Mr. Tilley, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Magee, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Dysart, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Michaud, Mr. Lerger, (Gloucester), Mr. Messerieu, Mr. Smith (Sunbury), Mr. Melanson, Mr. Boninger, Mr. Robichaud, Mr. Lager (West), Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Crockett—22.
Nays—Hon. Mr. Byrne, Hon. Mr. Murray, Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, Hon. Mr. Roberts, Mr. Barchild, Mr. King, Mr. Young, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Potts, Mr. Peck, Mr. Smith (Albert), Mr. Pindar, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Gessner, Mr. Smith (Charlotte), Mr. Jones, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Hunter—18.

The Question of Pairs

Hon. Mr. Robinson said that he had not voted on the amendment because he was paired with Mr. Murray (King) for the remainder of the session. Possibly that did not interfere with his right to vote, but as he did not know what attitude Mr. Murray would have taken on the question he thought it only fair that he should refrain from voting.
Hon. Mr. Veniot said that the fact that an hon. member was paired did not interfere with his right to vote on a private question.
Mr. Potts said that it had always been customary for hon. members when paired to refrain from voting on any question. He was not inclined to accept the opinion of the hon. Minister of Public Works on the question, but would like a ruling from the chair.
Hon. Mr. Veniot said that when two hon. members paired, it only meant that they were to abstain from voting on questions which concerned the government. It was absurd to say that they did not have the right to vote on other matters.

Mr. Baxter said that when hon. members on opposite sides were paired it meant that they would abstain from voting on questions which involved the downfall of the ministry. If the agreement were extended to private questions it would be impossible for a member to cast a vote on a private bill. He thought the Minister of Public Works was absolutely correct.

Hon. Mr. Speaker said that the hon. member for St. John county had expressed his (the Speaker's) views much better than he could have done himself.
Mr. Sweeney rose to a question of privilege. He said the hon. member for St. John no doubt had reference to him when he questioned the right of those who were paired to vote on the prohibition resolution. He (Sweeney) was paired with Mr. Guptill and he did not want the indignation thrown across the floor that he was taking advantage of Mr. Guptill by voting in his absence. He had attempted to make an explanation when the matter was under discussion but had been ruled out of order.
Hon. Mr. Speaker said that the hon. member had been ruled out of order for the time being because the chairman of the Corporations Committee had the floor.
Mr. Potts said that the hon. member



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CIVIC ELECTIONS IN CAMPBELLTON

Dr. Murray Re-Elected Mayor
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New Aldermen in Ward
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Campbellton, N. B., April 21.—A large measure of public interest was manifested this year in the town elections, which took place on Tuesday, 20th instant.
Dr. Murray, who was elected Mayor last year by acclamation and had filled that office for several terms in former years, was re-elected by a large majority. Mr. W. H. Wallace, but was again elected by the largest majority ever recorded in a mayoralty contest in this town.
Of the eight aldermen who sat on the Council board last year, seven offered for re-election and six were elected. The two new aldermen are H. Z. Currie and A. C. Bellefleur.

The Town Council for the ensuing year will be constituted as follows:—Mayor—Dr. Daniel Murray.
Aldermen—Largé—John Doreman and C. Homer Mathews.
Aldermen for Ward 1—Henry J. Currie and Alphonse S. Bellefleur.
Aldermen for Ward 2—Alphonse H. Ingram and Thos. N. Dickie.
Aldermen for Ward 3—John H. Bisset and Sydney H. Jamieson.

Notwithstanding the fact that all sorts of silly and absolutely false canvasses were used, both personally and in the columns of one of the newspapers, in an effort to defeat the present Mayor and several of the aldermen, the verdict of the electors in sufficient evidence of public confidence in the personnel of last year's Council.
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