

## BRIT. COLUMBIA LAW PROHIBITS GETTING DRUNK

Gov't Control Measure Claimed to Have Power to Prevent Such Cases.

### PROVINCE EXPECTS \$20,000,000 REVENUE

No Liquor Advertising Signs Will be Permitted Within the Province.

Victoria, B. C., May 1.—With the coming into force of the British Columbia Liquor Act, the province emerges from a three and a half year "dry" period. The present act is the result of the referendum taken on October 30 last throughout the province, when the people emphatically voted for the sale of liquor in sealed packages by the government.

The prohibition act, which closed the bars and all public drinking places throughout the province, came into force on the first day of October 1917, during the war, when the people, by small majority, voted to prohibit the sale of liquor except by government dispensaries. In order to purchase liquor under the prohibition act, it was necessary to first obtain a prescription from a medical doctor for which a fee of \$3.00 was charged. The maximum quantity purchasable from a government dispensary was two gallons of liquor. So great was the rush on the dispensaries and so many prescriptions were being issued, that the government at the session of the legislature in 1920 amended the prohibition act prohibiting the sale by government of dispensaries of more than eight ounces on a doctor's prescription.

#### Moderation League.

In 1919 a move was made to have the prohibition act repealed and this effort continued until the government agreed to submit the question of future liquor legislation to the people. A Moderation League was organized to work for the repeal of the act, the object of the organization being to secure the sale of liquor under government control. No one desired the return of the open bar or of liquor retailing existing before the bringing into force of the prohibition act. It was claimed that bootlegging was rampant throughout the province, and that a measure which would permit the sale of liquor under proper control, would be preferable to the prohibition act. The prohibitionists fought for the retention of the prohibition act, but the Moderationists won.

At the last session of the legislature, which closed but a few weeks ago, the new liquor act was passed, following weeks of discussion. It will be administered by a board of three appointed by the government. The chairman is A. M. Johnson, who prior to his appointment was attorney general for British Columbia; J. H. Falconer, Vancouver, a prominent business man of the province and president of the British Columbia Manufacturers Association and Lieut.-Col. W. N. Winsby, Victoria, public school inspector.

#### Expect \$20,000,000 Trade.

The headquarters of the board is in Victoria and the distributing centre for the province is in Vancouver. It is expected that the sale of liquor during the first year under government control will amount to \$20,000,000. The government has promised that half the profits will be handed over to the municipalities.

Under the British Columbia Liquor Act government stores are established throughout the province for the sale of liquor. These stores are administered by the Liquor Control Board and each vendor is an employee of the Board. Sales must only be made to those persons holding a government permit for the purchase of liquor, and this permit along with a written order for liquor must be presented at the time of purchase. Delivery of liquor can only be made in sealed packages, and consumption of liquor on store premises is not allowed. Liquor stores will not remain open for more than eight hours a day.

Persons applying for a liquor permit must be of the full age of 21 years and have resided in the province for at least one month. The fee for a permit limited to a single purchase of liquor is 50 cents. This entitles the purchaser to buy a maximum quantity of two quarts of liquor other than malt liquor or 12 quarts of malt liquor. The fee for a permit to purchase of malt liquor containing not more than three percent of alcohol by weight, is \$2.00 and the fee for any other permit is \$5.00. No person is allowed to obtain more than ten single-purchase permits in any one year. A fee of \$5.00 is charged for permits to persons temporarily resident in the province. These are good for two weeks only. A permit must not be transferred. All permits expire on the 31st of December of the year in which they are issued. The Liquor Control Board has power to cancel permits, as has also a Justice of the Peace convicted of a violation of the Liquor Act.

#### Cannot Get Drunk.

Drunkness under the act will not be permitted, and no person shall permit drunkenness to take place in any house or on any premises of which he is the owner, tenant or occupant. Liquor must not be given to any person under the influence of liquor, nor must an intoxicated person be allowed to consume liquor on any premises. No person shall keep or consume liquor in any part of an inn other than a private guest-room, and no person who is not a bona-fide guest of the inn shall be permitted to have or consume liquor in an inn.

No display of liquor signs is allowed except by government stores. No person other than a government vendor shall sell or deal in any liquor known as beer or near-beer.

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## MARINE NEWS

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived April 30.

Coastwise—Star Imperator, 1884, Sutherland, from Halifax, N. S.; schr Regine C. 36, German, from Meteghan, N. S.; gas schr Linwood, 9, Hartline, from 4 fishing cruise; gas schr Champlain, 23, Weaver, from Port George, N. S.

Cleared, April 30.

Coastwise—Schr Regine C. 36, German, for Meteghan, N. S.

R. M. S. P. Chaudiere, 2500, for Bermuda and B. W. I. via Halifax, N. S.

CANADIAN PORTS.

Louisburg, N. S., April 30.—Cld. str. Shaw & Drummond, Montreal; Canadian Railer, Montreal.

FOREIGN PORTS.

New York, April 30.—Arr. str. Aquitania, Southampton and Cherbourg, April 23.

Chaudiere Sailed Saturday.

R. M. S. P. Chaudiere sailed Saturday morning for Halifax on route to Bermuda and the West Indies.

To Load Potatoes.

S. S. Holia is left New York Sunday for St. John to load potatoes for Havana. Furness Withy & Co. are local agents.

Manchester Shipper Due.

S. S. Manchester Shipper is due to arrive here today or tomorrow from Norfolk to complete cargo for Manchester. Furness Withy & Co. are local agents.

Imperial Hare.

S. S. Imperial arrived Saturday morning from Halifax with 15,000 barrels of refined oil.

To Load Stone.

The American tern schooner Irma, which is in command of Captain Lamb of Parvboro, and just completed discharging hard coal here, goes to St. John, Me., to load stone for Miami, Florida.

Razing Hog Island.

The razing of Hog Island is to start about May 1. Forty of the fifty ships are to be torn down, according to a United States Shipping Board announcement in Washington. This means an end of all hopes that Hog Island in its entirety is to be held for an emergency.

Sugar From San Domingo.

American steamer Mary, 2160 gross tons, arrived in St. John from San Domingo Sunday with a cargo of raw sugar and is the first sugar boat to arrive here since the drop in the price of sugar last fall.

HAS FORGOTTEN BRIDE.

Pittsburgh, May 1.—With five years blotted from his memory, which includes his marriage and experiences in the world war, Otto Heiler, a salesman, lies in the Mercy Hospital seeking to pierce the mental veil.

Ministering to the wants and striving to help him regain his memory is his wife of five weeks, a Condorport, Pa. girl, whom he married in Ridgeway, but whom he failed to recognize when she came to the hospital.

The successful husband is he who can show most appreciation and hide most disappointments.

his health or endangers or interrupts the peace and happiness of his family shall be liable to interdiction, and the sale of liquor to him will be prohibited and his permit cancelled.

Upon information by oath by any inspector of the Liquor Board, or any constable—a warrant may be issued for the search of premises.

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