

future license year until such by-law is altered or repealed, provided such limit is within the limit imposed by this Act."

In support of this ground of appeal it was contended that the section means that the council may, in its discretion, limit the number of licenses for the next ensuing license year, but no longer, or, passing over such next ensuing license year, may limit the number for any future year, and that, in such latter event only, would the by-law remain in force until altered or repealed.

I am unable to accede to this argument. If such interpretation were placed upon the section, it would follow that a by-law taking effect on the 1st day of May then next, would cease to exist at the end of one year from 1st May, whilst a by-law applicable to a future year would remain in force until action by the council by way of repealing or altering it. Much clearer language than is here used would be necessary in order to warrant the conclusion that the legislature intended that a by-law to take effect in some future year would continue thereafter in force until altered or repealed, whilst a by-law applicable to the then ensuing year would terminate at the end of such year. If such an interpretation were placed upon the section, then the council could pass no by-law applicable to the next ensuing license year which would continue in force for a longer period than one year. If the section were open to the construction placed upon it by the appellants, namely, that it is discretionary with the council to pass a by-law for the next ensuing license year, or for some future year, then the words "altered or repealed" apply to either class of by-law, and a by-law which, by its express language, was passed for "the then next ensuing license year," would be construed as having added thereto the words of the statute, and would continue in force thereafter in future years until altered or repealed. The section is not happily worded, but its meaning does not seem to me open to doubt. A by-law passed for the next ensuing license year continues in force throughout future years "till altered or repealed," and the words in the section, "or for any future year," may be regarded as surplusage.

It cannot be contended that the council may not pass a by-law for the next ensuing license year. If they should do so, such a by-law, without more, would continue in force for future years until altered or repealed. It would be a