

Amendments To Beer Bill Suffer Defeat

SNAPSHOTS OF THE PARTY BEHIND.

LIQUOR BILL ADOPTED BY PROVINCIAL HOUSE IN FACE OF OPPOSITION

Legislators Approve of O. T. A. Amendments To Allow Sale of Beer.

SPURN AMENDMENT

Decide That 4.4 Must Be On Sale Whether Wanted or Not.

CLAUSE INSERTED

Bill Is Changed To Allow Advertising and Soliciting.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, April 2.—Early this morning the committee of the whole house adopted the Ontario temperance act amendments providing for the sale of 4.4 beer after a four-hour session in committee.

In the closing hour of the debate the attorney-general inserted clauses in the bill permitting advertising in relation to the sale of the beer and permitting the solicitation of orders. Druggists selling liquor on doctors' prescriptions which are technically irregular shall not be prosecuted without the consent of the minister.

Amendment Defeated.
By a large majority and supported by five French-Canadian Liberals and the three Labor members, the government defeated in the legislature tonight an amendment made by Progressive leader W. E. Raney, to exempt from the proposed 4.4 beer sale municipalities which prior to 1916 had voted themselves dry under the then local option privilege.

The Liberals who voted with the government were: A. Belanger, Russell, E. Proulx, Prescott, Z. Mageau, Sturgeon Falls, E. P. Teller, North Essex, and J. A. Pinard, Ottawa East. The Labor members who voted against the proposed exemption of previously dry centers were K. K. Homuth, South Waterloo, P. Heenan, Kenora, and J. C. Callan, Rainy River. On practically the same division, but with no poll of the vote, the house defeated two other amendments of Mr. Raney's, his second one introduced being to exempt from beer sale municipalities that supported the Ontario temperance act in the recent plebiscite, and the third being to reduce the proposed alcoholic content of the beer from 2.5 to 2 per cent proof spirits.

Restriction Spurned.
K. K. Homuth, Labor member for Waterloo, later introduced an amendment to restrict the permits to sell to British subjects. It was defeated.

During the course of this evening's animated discussions in committee stage of the Ontario temperance act amendments, Premier Ferguson said the government would see that permits would be granted only to the proper kind of persons with proper premises, and law-breakers would immediately have their permits revoked.

"One of the most serious features of this bill," said Mr. Raney in opening the committee discussion on the O.T.A. amendments, "is that it absolutely ignores that great area of the province of Ontario that was under local prohibition laws in September, 1916, when the O.T.A. came into force."

Mr. Raney went on to quote statistics to show the large percentage

Pheasant's Life Taken By Train

Special To The Advertiser.
Komoka, April 2.—One of the few pheasants of the district of Komoka was killed yesterday by a C. P. R. train.

The bird was picked up by a passerby while still warm. It was a large, beautifully-colored male bird, the tail measurement being 20 inches. The spurs on the legs of the bird were over a quarter of an inch in length, indicating that it was an old bird.

For some years pheasants have been very scarce in this district. The one killed today was one of a pair nested near the railway diamond.

age of municipalities which had voted liquor out of their confines and enumerated the following towns as in that category: Kincardine, Orangeville, Bowmanville, Owen Sound, Meaford, Petrolia, Carleton Place, Strathroy, Bracebridge, Campbellford, Uxbridge, Ingersoll, Renfrew, The Soo, Midland, Orillia, Collingwood, Galt, Newmarket, and many other smaller places.

For Democracy's Sake.
"All the canons of right and democracy," Mr. Raney proceeded, "demand that the local autonomy of these municipalities ought to be recognized, and that is the purpose of the amendment I am about to move. It would be arbitrary in the extreme, I suggest, for this legislature to override the local autonomy of these municipalities."

Mr. Raney instanced the situation in his own riding, in which there had been a seven-to-one dry vote. Attorney-General Nickle said he was surprised at the attitude taken by the ex-attorney-general, which, if Mr. Raney were consistent, meant that local autonomy should prevail, and that a licensing system should be re-established in Ontario where the people had voted wet. When he assumed as a promise that a beverage of 2.4 per cent by volume was an intoxicating liquor, then it was the simplest thing to say that the entire province was being put under a license system.

Mr. Raney: "Your experts having been discredited, whom are the eminent scientists upon whom you rely?"

LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 2.—Although not pressing for a formal division, the opposition groups in the Ontario legislature this afternoon fought the proposed beverage tax strenuously. W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal leader, and W. E. Raney, Progressive leader, expressed the opinion that the bill as brought in by the government was unconstitutional, declaring that it was in the form of an indirect tax and therefore beyond the jurisdiction of the province.

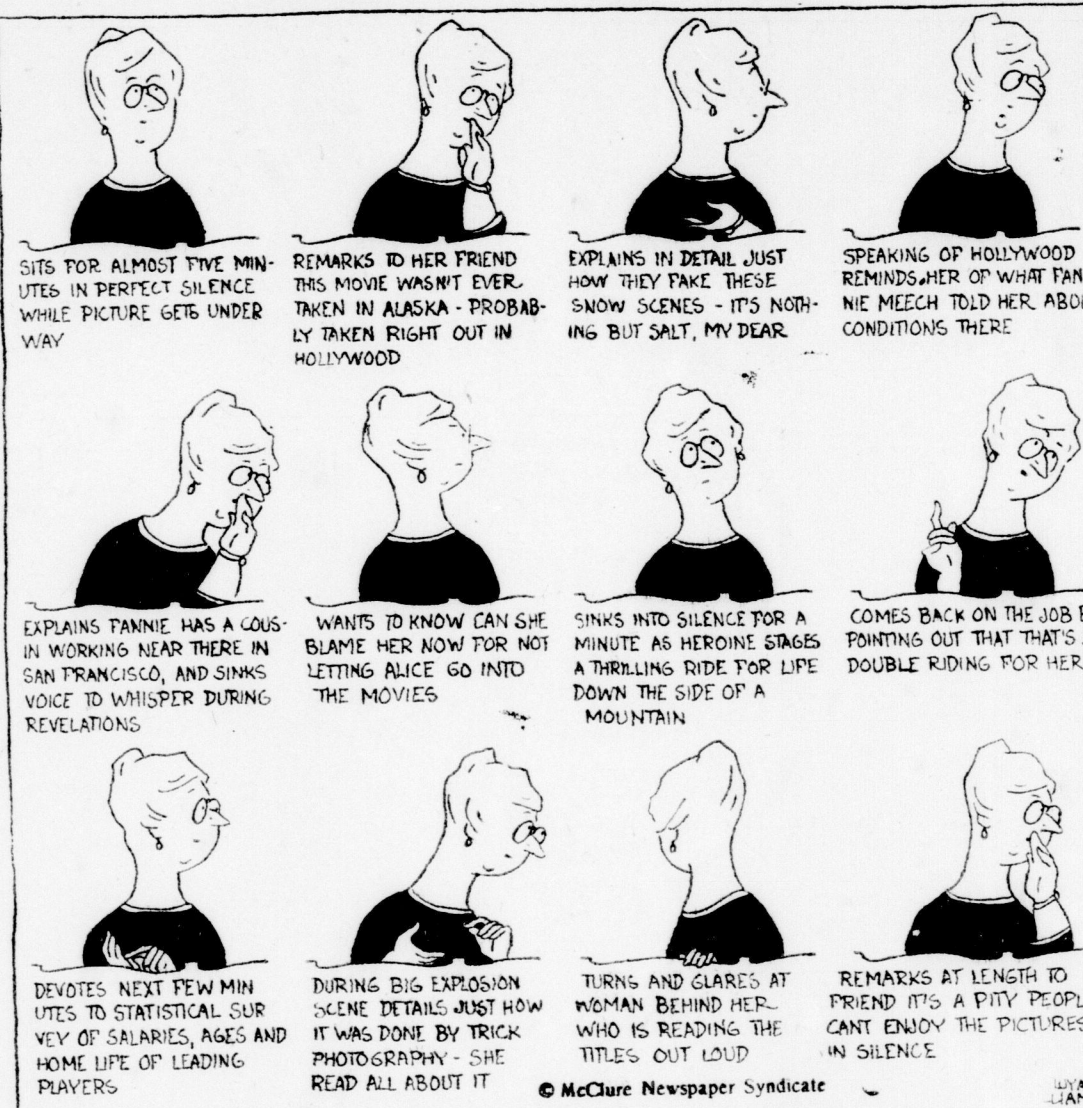
Several members of the opposition wanted the tax on soft drinks struck out, and promised that when the bill reached the committee stage they would move an amendment to that effect.

Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, in introducing the bill, said the tax would be ten cents a gallon on 4.4 beer. He claimed that a gallon of beer could be sold to the retailer for 25 cents a gallon, and with the tax would amount to 45 cents. In a gallon, he said, there were twenty 8-ounce glasses of beer, which at five cents would mean one dollar a gallon, or a profit of 110 per cent. He wanted to show, he said, that beer could be sold at five cents a glass. The tax amounted to one-half cent per glass and on soft drinks one-sixth of a cent.

Soft Drinks To Yield \$200,000.
On wines the tax would be 50 cents a gallon. Last year 270,225 gallons of native wines were sold for consumption in the province, and, based on this, the government would get \$135,000 revenue from the proposed tax on wines. He estimated about \$200,000 from the tax on soft drinks and \$3,000,000 from the tax on 4.4 beer.

Mr. Fisher, Liberal, West Ottawa, said the bill was another piece of strict legislation, because it left nearly everything to regulation, and nearly everything to government. He did not know how it was going to collect the tax.

K. K. Homuth (Labor, South Waterloo) said the bill was unfair in its taxation of soft drinks. It would play havoc with soft drink manufacturers, because people would make their own drinks, upon which there was no tax. He thought the tax on beer all right, but would rather see it collected in license fees than imposed on the beer. He thought the treasurer optimistic about the revenue to be derived on a beer tax because, although other



CYRIL MAUDE A REAL DELIGHT IN COMEDY "AREN'T WE ALL"

Black Knights To Visit Samia

Good Friday Will Be Marked by London Lodge.

Special To The Advertiser.
Sarnia, April 2.—Good Friday will be fittingly observed by the Sir Knights of Carmel, Royal Black Preceptory of the Royal Black Knights of Ireland here, when the local brethren will be hosts to the Sir Knights of Inniskillen Preceptory, London, who are paying a fraternal visit. The local brethren are preparing for a big day, and this affair promises to be the event of the year for Carmel Preceptory. There will be visitors here from London, Forest and several other places.

JUSTICE LOGIE HITS COUNSEL OF TODAY

Says Nowadays Lawyers Shirk Responsibility—Ends Simple Case.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 2.—After glancing through a case cited in argument on a question arising under the vendors and purchasers act, Mr. Justice Logie in weekly court at Osgoode hall this morning suggested that the matter was so simple as to require no judicial decision.

"Counsel nowadays," said his worship, "throw things at the bench and take no responsibility. In the old days they took responsibility. Now they are paid to take it and don't take responsibility."

The remarks followed argument on the question whether Peter Wellington could give a purchaser of the farm bequeathed by his father in Samia township, Lambton county, good title. His lordship decided that he could.

W. C. T. U. SECRETARY SPEAKS AT BEACHVILLE

Home and School Club Hears Instructive Address On Temperance.

Special To The Advertiser.
Beachville, April 2.—The regular meeting of the Beachville home and school club was held Wednesday afternoon in the school.

The president, Mrs. C. Downing, presiding, meeting opened with singing and prayer by Mrs. E. S. McClelland.

A recitation by Grenville Bull, one of the pupils of Miss Fish's room, was well given.

Miss R. Duff of Toronto, who is field secretary to the provincial W. C. T. U., addressed the meeting. Miss Duff had previously talked to the children. The president thanked Miss Duff most heartily.

On behalf of the hot lunch committee, Mrs. S. Swartz thanked the teachers and all who have helped so faithfully throughout the past few months, while hot lunches have been served to the school children.

"PLAYING WITH ICEBERGS" COSTS SMALL BOY HIS LIFE
Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, April 2.—While "playing with icebergs" 11-year-old Victor Leroux of Ste. Therese, fell into the river Aux Chenes, at a spot where the current is swift, and was swept away before he could be rescued.

APPEARS AT GRAND

Ellen Southbrook, Charming Actress, Has Few Equals in Fascinating Role.

"Aren't We All" Frederick Lonsdale's delightful comedy, featuring the lovable English actor, Cyril Maude, made an impression on Grand Opera House patrons last evening that will not soon be forgotten. Mr. Maude with his infectious smile and witty nonchalance, brought to a large measure of gladness to the hearts of everyone who saw his excellent performance. The play, leavened as it is, with the sweet philosophy of tolerance, was admirably suited for Mr. Maude's rare talents.

Devotees of the drama expect all this, of course, from Mr. Maude. What charmed and surprised them last night was the splendid supporting cast—each member a finished actor, well drilled in the subtleties of a subtle play. Ellen Southbrook, the charming English actress, has few equals in the role of the fascinating and vivacious Margot Tatham. Harry Ashford as Rev. Ernest Lynwood, was also exceptionally well cast. Brimming With Chuckles.

"Aren't We All" is a tonic for depression and a shrewd dig at what is popularly known as narrow-mindedness. Although brimful with chuckles, it points a moral in a kindly way—the moral of tolerance. It brushes human selfishness and narrow viewpoints aside as mere humorous incidents in a world made of joy. It refuses to regard petty men and women as petty men and women. There are human curiosities without the vision to understand that all men, in the last analysis, are whimsical and foolish. "Aren't We All?"

The play abounds with laughs. Mr. Maude, of course, is responsible for most of them. Cynthia Brooks as Lady Frinton, the indulgent man-catcher whose artfulness is such a success because she does not attempt to hide it, added much to the audience's pleasure. Hugh Huntley could scarcely be improved on as Hon. Willie Tatham, the much-in-love, but indiscreet husband. Isabel Lamson as Kitty Lake, the shallow siren, and Geoffrey Miller as John Wilkins, the Australian gentleman, were also splendid, as was every other character.

It is refreshing to see a play like "Aren't We All?" It is funny, yet has the effect of lifting people out of their mental ruts and viewing life from the angle of the gentle epicurean. It tells us that the world is a place where pleasure and laughter reign, that bigotry and puritanism are false logic, and that harsh condemnation of anyone at any time reacts to the disadvantage of all.

Replete With Humor.
The dialogue in "Aren't We All" is brilliant and yet naive in its cleverness, and almost every line is significant with meaning. The repartee, the humor and the bite of the lines were like bubbling wine, and went to the head in the most fascinating way. From end to end the play was replete with truth, kindness, fidelity to life and human nature, gaiety, insight and charity.

"Aren't We All" will be seen at the Grand tonight and twice tomorrow, and those who fail to see at least one performance will pass by one of the most fascinating plays that has come to London in a long while. "Aren't We All" is the first show to be presented at the Grand opera house under the new management, and this attraction is the calibre of what theatre-goers in London may expect in future, then the patrons of this house are going to be treated to the best.

Between acts last evening, after prolonged applause, Mr. Maude acknowledged the reception offered him and his company in a characteristic and witty

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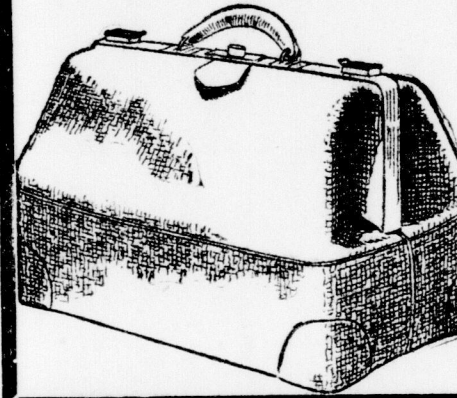
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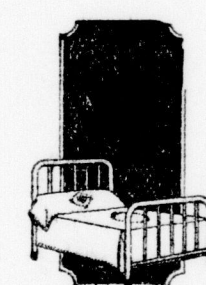


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TWO MISSING AVIATORS FOUND FAR OUT TO SEA

United States Airmen Are Injured and Plane Goes Undamaged.

Associated Press Despatch.
San Diego, Cal., April 2.—An aeroplane which left the North Island naval air station here late yesterday and which failed to arrive at San Pedro, its destination, was found at sea together with two airmen, by the destroyer Sinclair today.

A radio message from the Sinclair, one of several warships sent in search of the lost aeroplane, said that Lieut. W. N. Updegrave, the pilot, and another airman, whose name was not given, were uninjured and that the plane was undamaged.