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BILL.

[No. 15.

An Act to prevent the traffic in Alcoholic and Intoxicating Liquors.

WHEREAS the common traffic in intoxicating Liquors and their use as a beverage is a fruitful cause of crime, poverty, disease and demoralization; And whereas it is the first duty of Government to protect the people against these evils: Be it therefore enacted, &c., that

Preamble.

5 From and after the time limited for the commencement of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to manufacture, barter or sell, directly or indirectly, to any other person any alcoholic or intoxicating Liquor or any mixed Liquor a part of which is alcoholic or intoxicating (and every such mixed liquor shall be included in the expression "alcoholic or intoxicating liquor" when used in this Act), except for medicinal, chemical or mechanical purposes as hereinafter provided.

General rule laid down.

15 II. Any person not being a licensed manufacturer or an agent duly appointed under the provisions of this Act, who shall, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, manufacture, expose or keep for sale or barter, or shall sell, dispose or exchange for any other matter or thing, to any other person any alcoholic or intoxicating Liquor, except according to the provisions of this Act, shall be liable to a fine of £ on the first conviction, £ on the second, and on the third and every subsequent conviction to such last mentioned fine and imprisonment for a period not more than six calendar months, such fine to be paid over to the Chamberlain, Treasurer, Clerk, or Secretary-Treasurer, of the Municipality in which the offence shall be proved to have been committed, for the use of the Municipality, and to be applied to such public purposes as the Council thereof may direct; and in default of payment of any fine imposed under this Act, with the costs of prosecution, at the time of conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned until the same be paid: Provided that nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to prevent any Chemist, Artist or Manufacturer, in whose art or trade they may be necessary, from keeping at his place of business such reasonable and proper quantity of distilled liquors as he may have occasion to use in his art or trade, but not for sale or barter.

Penalty for contravening the General rule aforesaid.

Proviso.

35 III. If any clerk, servant or agent, or other person in the employment or on the premises of another, shall sell or manufacture, or assist in selling or manufacturing, any alcoholic or intoxicating Liquor, (except under the provisions of this Act) for the person in whose service or on whose premises he may be, he shall be held equally guilty with the principal, and shall suffer the like penalty.

Agent liable equally with principal.

IV. Any Justice of the Peace, any Reeve or Mayor of a Township, Village or other Municipality, any Police Magistrate, or Recorder of any

Who may try offenders against this Act.