

FERGUSON LAUNCHES BITTER ATTACK ON PROHIBITIONISTS, DECLARING THEM DISHONEST, NARROW AND UNRELIABLE

Premier Accuses Ontario Dry Forces of Using Stiletto On Hurst.

RANEY MOTION LOST With Three Exceptions Conservatives Vote Against Dropping Beer Plan.

KILL SINCLAIR MOVE Martin Moves Amendment To Prevent Vote On Premier's Integrity.

THE VOTE For Against Raney Amendment... 24 26

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, March 4.—The reply to the speech from the throne, and therefore Premier Ferguson's beer plan, was carried by a substantial majority in the legislature tonight.

The Progressive amendment holding that the Ontario temperance act should remain unchanged was defeated decisively by a vote of 81 to 24.

The Liberal amendment, which declared that Premier Ferguson had made a breach of his pledge, was amended to death by the government by motion of Hon. George Henry, seconded by Hon. John S. Martin, in the following words: "That this House receives with satisfaction the announcement of the decision of the government to introduce legislation which will maintain the principle of the O. T. A., while providing such amendments thereto as will destroy illicit trade in liquor and will create greater respect for the observance of the law." The amendment to the Liberal amendment was carried by 79 to 26.

Progressives Sided. The Progressives voted solidly on each occasion against the government. In the first case the three members of the Labor group voted against the Raney amendment, and in the second case against the government by voting against the amendment to the Liberal amendment as proposed by Mr. Henry.

On the second vote Messrs. Belanger, Proulx, Brackin, Rowe, Sinclair, all Liberals, voted with the government. On the Raney amendment the following Liberals voted against it: Messrs. Macneil, Belanger, Proulx, Brackin, Pinard, Teller and Wallace. Some surprise was caused by two government members, Earl Rowe, Sinclair, and T. L. Kennedy, Peel, voting for the amendment against the government. In the second amendment both Rowe and Kennedy voted with the government.

Moves For Wine. After the dinner recess, J. A. Pinard, Liberal, East Ottawa, moved another amendment for a wine and beer and liquor measure under government control. This was withdrawn after the premier had stated that it was the same as a motion moved by E. W. Wilson, Conservative, Windsor, which would be debated before the house.

Then Karl Homuth, Labor, South Waterloo, moved an amendment that liquor for medicinal purposes might be purchased without the necessity of a doctor's prescription. The premier said that this was anticipated announcement of policy, and requested that Mr. Homuth withdraw, that he would be given ample opportunity later to press his views.

Mr. Homuth agreed and the house adjourned until tomorrow when Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, will introduce his budget.

Premier Ferguson in concluding the debate launched into a long discussion of the temperance question. He declared that the Conservative party had always been ahead of the Liberals in providing temperance reform measures and that the Liberal party's record was one of promises never fulfilled.

"The Liberals, who were the giants of those days, may have laid the material prosperity of the time, but I wouldn't say they laid any moral prosperity," he said.

The premier read a promise of Sir Oliver Mowat to establish prohibition and told of the promise made in 1903

If New Beer Intoxicates Vendor Will Face Arrest

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent. Toronto, March 4.—Premier Ferguson today made his first important announcement on the sale of the new beer. "The beer will be sold by permission," he said. "It will be sold by those who get permits to sell it in places which we approve at a nominal charge. It will not be sold to boys under 18 years of age, and it will not be sold in candy booths or dressmaking establishments as certain people try to tell you."

The premier intimated that if anyone became intoxicated on 4.4 per cent beer, the person selling it could be prosecuted under the O. T. A. Mr. Ferguson insisted that 4.4 per cent beer was non-intoxicating, and that if it should prove to be intoxicating, it would still be forbidden under the O. T. A. The Ontario temperance act prohibited all intoxicating drinks, whatever their nature.

Questioned by W. E. Raney, the prime minister maintained that if anyone became intoxicated even on the present 2 1/2 per cent beer, those selling it could be prosecuted.

PREMIER'S O.T.A. TINKERING MAY NOT STOP WITH BEER

South Waterloo Labor Member Asked To Drop Prescription Amendment.

TOLD "WAIT AND SEE" Homuth Anticipating Further Government Measure Varies His Proposal.

Special to The Advertiser. Toronto, March 4.—Ferguson's tinkering with the O. T. A. may not stop with the legalizing of 4 per cent beer.

Such was the intimation which the prime minister "put across" in the house this evening, when he requested Karl Homuth, Labor member for South Waterloo, to withdraw an amendment to the reply to the speech from the throne, calling for the abolition of doctors' prescriptions in the dispensing of liquor for medicinal purposes.

The prime minister asked the labor group to "wait and see" what the government contemplated in its forthcoming amendments to the act, in view of which intimation, Mr. Homuth agreed to waive his amendment.

by Sir George Ross for temperance legislation, but in neither case, he said, was the promise fulfilled. "Even in 1904 Sir George did not give temperance legislation, and in 1905 the Liberals went to their long rest from which they have not yet returned."

The premier challenged Mr. Sinclair to state his position, to which the Liberal leader replied that it would be shown when the vote was taken.

Denies Ottawa Influence. Mr. Sinclair also gave a flat denial to the remark by the premier that there was a rumor from Ottawa that Mr. Sinclair had been told not to meddle too much in the liquor question.

The premier reviewed the history immediately at the time of enactment of the O. T. A., and then attacked the Prohibition Union of Ontario. He repeated that their support in the temperance question could not be depended upon. Such associations, he declared, should be honest with public men. The defeat of the Hearst government in 1919, he declared, was the worst political disaster in the history of the province.

"If the prohibitionists had been honest in their protestations to Sir William Hearst, and sincere in their promised support, then no agrarian movement or any other kind of a movement could have been led astray," he said. The 400,000 pledged to support prohibition instead of supporting Hearst, the pioneer of prohibition in this country, stood behind the hedge and drove the stiletto into him.

Attacks Union. "We believe there are ways of enforcing the O. T. A. other than by thimble-rig and vice methods. We are prepared to undertake five years that have been lost in the temperance movement. We will try to have temperance sentiment overtake what it has lost. That is the kind of men who sit behind me. But now let us say something about the men who run a kind of a second legislature in this province, the Prohibition Union. I told them the other day that their attitude towards public men was all wrong. Their whole attitude is destructive."

"What have they done to help or co-operate? In 1919 the Conservative government realized he was hoodwinked by his Liberal brother. The Conservative broke away and the Liberal felt that the work had been done and the purpose achieved. So there was no attempt to keep public feeling alive or to educate the people on temperance. In the meantime a new generation failed to do their duty, and I undertook to tell them so the other day, and let me tell you that the small deputation agreed with me and the attorney-general. But what happened when they went back to the convention? Mr. Austin told them that while he did not agree with the government he thought they were sincere. That was choked down his throat and the convention had not the tolerance to allow the man to express his view. "Then the president of that association is our old friend, R. J. Fleming, recognized as a staunch Liberal. It was he who in 1919 with the Cincinnati from Crown Hill lay for Sir William Hearst and hit him over the head with a blackjack. Mr. Fleming is the man who is executor for the man who owned the Dominion Brewery. Mr. Ferguson argued that a man who held such a position should not allow himself to be chosen head of the prohibition forces."

WATSON IS GIVEN TWO-YEAR TERM

Pleads Guilty To Buying and Receiving Stolen Goods.

James Watson, house mover and drayman, of 194 Hamilton road, was sentenced to not less than a year and not more than two years less a day in the Ontario reformatory by County Judge Judd yesterday. Watson pleaded guilty on three charges of receiving stolen goods, and also to three charges which were preferred against Mrs. Jane McCulley, at whose house he was a boarder.

Dauris Sweeney, also a boarder at the McCulley house, charged with a similar offence, was found not guilty and acquitted. Judge Judd said at the conclusion of the trial of Mrs. McCulley that in spite of the confessions of Watson there might be others connected with the case against whom charges might be preferred, and he would conclude the case next Wednesday at 11 o'clock.

Consideration for the "prisoner's age, which J. M. Donahue, his counsel, stated was near 60, and of the fact that his record of 40 years in the city was clear of any crime record, was given by the judge as the reason why Watson was not sent for a longer sentence to the penitentiary.

OWEN SOUND JURORS FREE WOMAN DRIVER

Woodstock Resident Met Death While Riding in Accused's Car.

Special to The Advertiser. Owen Sound, March 4.—The jury in the trial of Mrs. William Douglass, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Emma Nettleton of Woodstock in an automobile accident on September 17 last, returned a verdict this afternoon of not guilty.

At 4 o'clock the jury after being out since 11:30 o'clock this morning, returned to the court, and the foreman stated that members of the jury were having difficulty in reaching a decision. The judge advised them to retire again and come to some unanimous decision, either that they could not agree or a decision on the case.

It was some minutes later when the jury returned with the "not guilty" verdict. Mrs. Douglass collapsed following the verdict.

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Beck is Paired. Paired—Beck, Lethbridge; Acres, Fisher.

Absent—R. J. Patterson, Conservative, Victoria, South. Progressive and U. F. O. voted solidly for Mr. Raney's amendment to the amendment. Conservatives voted solidly against amendment to the amendment, except W. E. Rowe, Simcoe South, and T. L. Kennedy, Peel, who voted for it. Three independent Labor members voted against amendment to the amendment. Liberals who voted against amendment to the amendment were: Macneil, Sturgeson, Falls; Belanger, Russell; Proulx, Prescott; Brackin, West Kent; Pinard, Ottawa East; Dr. Wallis, Alcona, and Teller, North Essex.

For the amendment to the amendment: Messrs. Sinclair, Clarke (Northumberland), Lange, Raney, Doherty, Biggs, Nixon, Bowman, Mauchinney, Bragg, Carmichael, Kemp, Duffield, Fenton, Oke, Sangster, Kemp, McCullagh, Curry, Seaton, Hershorn, Ross, Taylor, Rowe, Kennedy (Peel).

Total 24. Again this amendment to the amendment: Messrs. Ferguson, Henry, Nickle, Price, Martin, Dr. Goffrey, Dr. Jamieson, Macdonald, Owens, Finlayson, Black, Rankin, McKeown, Gray, Nesbitt, Fallis, Broadbent, Clark (Brackville), Gardner, Welch, Joynt, Lewis, McBrien, Eccleston, Chambers (West Wellington), Dr. Carr, Cooke, Lyons, McCrea, Goldie, Ireland, Keefe, Currie.

He reviewed the votes on the liquor question and stated that there had

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