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the votes of the applicant and his friends to retain his seat in the Legthose desirous of obtaining privileges, his wife." islature, will bring pressure to bear upon the Board To have his political whereas if they were entirely free from he is the most capable of the appli- with such matters without interfer- previous speaker had given the Bill. supporter appointed, not because cants, but because he has sufficient ence of any kind. political pull to get the position. In Board be rendered nugatory, and in- of the Bill depended entirely upon stead of efficient administration there the calibre of men appointed. Whilst

er at the time. In other words, he tions on them. He hoped the Gov- married added, the Board would be made a ernment would find them, and they and put a premium on celibacy. political football of as the Control- and the people whold have to put If this passed, no man who lers Department was in the past. He their trust in them. He thought the wanted a drink would dare get marthought that this amendment would Government would have to take the ried as he would have a continual he not only fair to the Board which chance of getting the right men, and fight with his wife on the conshould be appointed, but would also that the amendment should not go trary she could get all she wants. It be greatly to the country's interest in.

in the carrying out of the Bill. Mr. Morine replied that the suc- the section passed in its original tation of a bottle a day and might cess of the Bill depended upon the form.

political business, and the Govern- Hon. Mr. Morine wished it to of thing would be to give people the ment should be responsible. To be clearly understood that this was best kind of cheap liquor. meet this, it was proposed that the not creating a precedent. The sec-

should interfere and appoint others ed to prevent a needless waste of Board. In Sweden, under the Gotten-

who would. nan. If a wrong man were appoint- few years ago to pass a special Act suggested Hon. Mr. Ellis's amend-

fects the whole country and it is only issued a permit and all applications natural to expect that great pressure for such permits shall in the case of will be brought to bear on them by a married man be countersigned by Hon. Mr. Morine said the Gov Government control they could deal ernment appreciated the support of the

sold or delivered to any person un-

heads of Departments have been over- country and that no spirits shall be

heads. Here we have an act which af- less he has been so registered and

ridden and things done over their

His good work for the cause of Tem-Hon. Mr. Shea thought that the perance was well known and he therethis nanner will the work of the faithful performance and operation fore regretted that the Government could not accept his amendment. I was absolutely unworkable, not sound will be the very opposite. He contend- he agreed with Sir Patrick McGrath in principle and would cause a great ed that if the members constituting that it would be a hard task to get amount of detail work that would the Board were to hold office during three competent men, we must constitute much unnecessary trouble pleasure, they would be subject to nevertheless place through confid- and delay. He had never thought the control and domination of the ence in them once they are obtain- he was a man with sinister designs, powers that be, and would carry out ed. He would give the Board un- but now being unmarried himself he the wishes of the Government in pow- qualified powers and put no restric- wishes to interfere with all men in the country

was indeed a funny idea to hold that The amendment being put was lost, a man who couldn't resist the temp-

be suffering from the effects over way in which the members of the Hon. Mr. Gibbs thought that the night can be trusted to sit down and Board carried out their duties. He acceptance of Section 5 would be make a cool calcuation for the stated that when the Act was drafted creating a dangerous precedent. It amount of liquor he would consume two arguments appeared which were reads:--"The Board or any member in a year and as to the man's wife met by a compromise. In the first thereof may not be prosecuted for having a say in the amount he should place if the members were appointed doing or omitting to do and act in require, in his opinion, the only reduring good behavious, no matter how the performance of its or his duties sult it would bring would be a great incompetent they proved the Govern- prescribed by this Act, unless by amount of domestic discord. We ment would have to sit helplessly consent of the Minister of Justice." have either to trust to moral suasion by for, he added members holding of- If any ordinary individual not a or Prohibition and in this country fice on good behavious cannot be re- member of the Board breaks the law Prohibition has only proven itself to moved because of old age or ineffic- he is at once prosecuted but here it be a great temptation and a stimuiency. On the other hand, he said, is left to the Minister of Justice, who lator of public tastes. First we had if office is held during pleasure, the is himself influenced by politics to dope, then moonshining and smug-Government if displeased could dis- give consent or withhold it for the gling and in so far as a restraint charge members who were not giving taking of legal proceeding. He is put on people, a premium is put satisfaction. If it were a political thought it a dangerous precedent to on and men get a taste for them. Per-Beard, Mr. Monroe considered, it was establish in a bill if this character. haps the best restraint on this sort

Hon. Sir. P. T. McGrath sugchairman hold office during good be- tion had been taken verbatim from gested that in spite of the Hon. haviour and the other members dur- the Quebec and Alberta Acts and is Gentleman's playful consideration of ing pleasure; so that the two mem- intended to prevent the Board from the matter Hon. Mr. Ellis's suggesbers could be removed if the Board being harrassed continually by all tion was entitled to more serious conwere not functioning properly but sorts of petty complaints. He furth- sideration. As regards the permit, we this had been overruled, and it was er pointed out that in any criminal had Mr. Morine's admission that in decided to appoint all three during proceedings the Minister of Justice Alberta some form of permit is in pleasure. After all the responsible can just as well refuse to carry on. vogue. It was therefore not unrea-Government of the country should Hon. Sir. P. T. McGrath thought sonable nor impossibe. He thought have power and if the Board did not an explanation of the Section was some steps should be devised for do its work properly, the Government unnecessary as it was clearly intend- dealing with distribution by the

expense by charges of a visionary burg system every man is licensed, Sir P. T. McGrath thought that the character being piled up. It had even and such licence must be presented Bill called for a superman as chair- been found necessary in England a before he can obtain a bottle. He

ed the Bill in his opinion would of Parliament to prevent a madman ment might come before the proposed be wrecked. If he proved a head- from taking action against the King. Commission for consideration before strong man he could not be interfer- Hon. Mr. Ellis said there were the next session. ed with and a farce would be made two points on which he was quite Hon. Mr. Ellis did not think his of the whole thing. The holding of satisfied; first in that the Prime Min- suggestion would cause friction in office during good behavious. Sir ister was quite justified in view of the home. He doubted whether the Patrick thought would act as a check the conditions existing throughout Hon. Gentleman understood the tem-He referred to the fact of the Aud- the country in making a declaration perament of the people of this coun-



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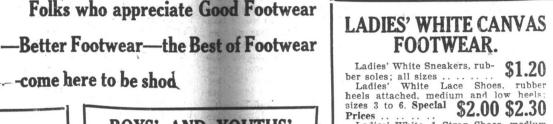
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