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Washington, Nov. 5. Consuming more beer in the aggregate than any other country in the world, the United States leads all nations in the total consumption of malt liquors, wines and distilled spirits with the enormous total of 2,043,300,000 gallons, the Department of Commerce and Labor announced today. The per capita consumption of beer in the United States was only 20.09 gallons in 1910, while in Belgium it is 55.2 gallons, and in Germany 26.47 gallons. Germany was second in the total consumption of beer and the United Kingdom third.

In the consumption of wines France leads with 39.36 gallons per capita, followed by Italy with 31.17 gallons, and Portugal with 27.39 gallons. The per capita consumption in the United States is only about two thirds of a gallon.

In distilled spirits Denmark leads with the consumption of 5.97 gallons per capita; Hungary second, with 2.11 gallons, and the Netherlands third with 1.84 gallons. The United States per capita consumption is 1.45.

Will Take License Out Of Politics

Toronto, Nov. 7.—Steps will be taken by the provincial government in the very near future to appoint a committee with provincial jurisdiction to take charge of all liquor licenses in the province and to administer the license law. The liquor

license act will be widened and the administration of the law will be taken out of politics.

This action was foreshadowed during the 1st session of the Legislature, when the Hon. W. J. Hanna announced that it was one of the questions which the government would take into serious consideration. The government has been dealing with the question, and it is one that will be dealt with immediately. When a definite announcement has been made it is understood that the provincial license board will supersede all local license boards. If this action is not taken the provincial committee will have jurisdiction over the boards of license commissioners. The provincial body will be non-political, and in this way the entire liquor license question will be removed from politics.

No announcement yet has been made as to what action will be taken with regard to club licenses, but it is understood that the number of licenses is to be reduced.

Why Don't Railways Act Like White Men

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—Some frank talk was directed at railway methods by Chairman Mabey of the Railway Commission this morning. The incident arose over an application made by the Canadian Northern to cross Grand Trunk tracks in a suburb of Toronto. The Grand Trunk said this was the first it had heard of the proposal, and would like to know a little about it.

"I cannot understand," said Chairman

Mabey, "why railway companies do not act like white men. If I want to 'take any of your property, I go to you and talk it over before I begin business, but a railway company simply instructs its engineers to go ahead and draw plans without consulting the person or the company whose property it is proposed to take. It's got me phazed. When a man becomes a railroad and he seems to become a law unto himself, but so far as I am concerned I intend that the railways shall obey the law like any private individual."

The application was not granted.

Judge Mabey's speech is taken as an official opening of the handsome new quarters of the commission in the new Grand Trunk station here.

Voluminous By-Law To Protect Milk Users.

(Winnipeg Free Press)

The new dairy by-law of Winnipeg, the framing of which has caused many heart burnings among the dairymen of the city and district because of certain clauses which the dairymen think unduly drastic, will be before the health committee this afternoon. It is one of the most voluminous documents ever put through committee covering close to fifty sheets of typewritten foolscap. Most of the important clauses have already been thrashed out, and have more or less met with the consent of the dairymen, who early in the year retained legal representation to confer with the city. The big fight will undoubtedly come when the by-law goes to council, and it will be on the point of the elimination of tubercular cattle. The by-law provides that all herds of city dairymen must be able to show a clean bill of health as to tuberculosis June 1, 1913, and that all farmers shipping milk into Winnipeg must meet the same requirements by 1915. The dairymen propose to make a fight for remuneration for they may have to destroy or dispose of should the by-law carry. Among certain members of the council there seems to be a disposition to consider this request, although others take the stand that the dairymen are being given sufficient time to make arrangements and protect themselves from undue loss.

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