

PROHIBITION BILL WAS PASSED IN THE LEGISLATURE

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this provision put in.

Hon. Mr. Morrissey said that there had to be some place for the young men to go in the evenings and if the beer that was to be sold under these licenses was not intoxicating, why should they be closed up any earlier on Saturday than any other time? Dens would arise under the act; they were going to unless there was some place for the young men to go.

Mr. Tilley said that one of the strongest objections he had to the act, and he proposed to refer to his other objections at a later time, was that beer licenses were to be issued to anybody who wanted them.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said that the words "in his discretion" had been put in the act as an amendment especially for the purpose of making it clear that the chief inspector had the regulation of the number of beer licenses to be granted. Nothing would be gained by misrepresenting the act.

Mr. Tilley said there was nothing to govern the number of beer licenses in any community as at present.

Mr. Lockhart said that he favored the retention of the present hours of closing, and he did not think that any change should be made in favor

of keeping the beer shops open after five o'clock on Saturday.

Mr. Smith thought the House ought to be reasonable in a matter of that kind and take a broad view. In many country districts barber shops frequently sold soft drinks and it was going to be pretty hard to discriminate just what the men were on the premises for.

Mr. Grannan thought it not in the interests of temperance to close at five o'clock. He favored keeping open until later in the evening for a time at any rate to see how the law worked, and if it was found unsatisfactory, it could be altered another session.

About Ginger Beer.

Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) said that he inferred from the remarks that had been made that ginger beer could not be sold without a license.

Hon. Mr. Baxter said that if the ginger beer contained no alcohol no license was needed.

Mr. Carter said it appeared to him there was a good deal of inconsistency in the discussion of the matter. A few minutes ago the opinion was expressed that no boy under sixteen should be allowed to drink the non-

intoxicating beer. On the other hand the view was expressed that it was not so intoxicating as to cause it to be put under the liquor law. Was every boy who wanted a drink to be asked how old he was. If the beer was sold as non-intoxicating, why put restrictions on it that apply to the sale of liquor?

Mr. Slipp asked why, if the kind of liquor was not intoxicating, should not a man be able to get it during the same hours on Saturday as any other day of the week. The section was aimed at the men who were in the habit of going to saloons and spending their money on intoxicants, as soon as they came from work. As long as a man was drinking nothing but non-intoxicating liquor, he thought he should be afforded the opportunity to do so on Saturday as well as any other day. He moved an amendment providing that the hours for the sale of non-intoxicants should be extended until ten o'clock on Saturday night.

This was agreed to.

Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) asked if there was any penalty for the sale of non-intoxicants without a license. If not, why charge a fee for a license.

Hon. Mr. Baxter (after looking through the bill) said it did not appear that there was, but as it was then six o'clock, he moved that the matter stand over until after recess.

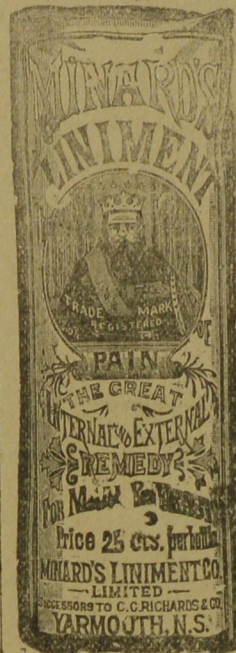
The House took recess until eight p.m.

At the evening session the bill was further considered and finally passed for a third reading, only Messrs. Tilley and Grannan voting against it.

Mr. J. S. C. Bennett of Montreal, and Mr. Arthur E. Reeves of Cincinnati, were in the city yesterday. They went to the Miramichi woods today with Mr. W. H. Allen, the well known guide, to take photographs of big game.

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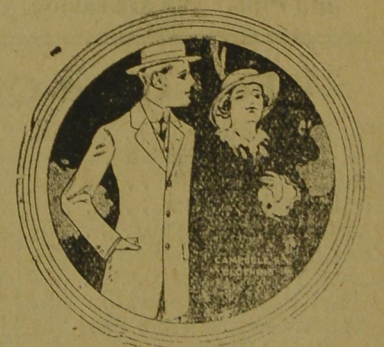
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