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WILL PROHIBITION STAND AFTER PEACE IS DECLARED

Constitutionality of the Enactment May be Called in Question—May be the Subject of Legislation at the Approaching Session of Parliament—Ontario will Take a Vote on the Question—Will Quebec Go Dry on May 1st Next?

Ottawa, Nov. 13—Because there are some doubts as to the constitutionality of the prohibition enactment once peace is declared and the war officially ended, the act of the Government will likely be the subject of legislation in the forthcoming session of Parliament. The Star has this intimation from high sources.

Prohibition as it operates in Canada is of two kinds. There are provincial acts in every province except Quebec where one is supposed to be effective next May unless some legislative minds are changed. The provincial power was good, so far as it went, but it did not deal with the manufacture, importation or transportation of liquor. It was here that the Government stepped in last winter, and passed an order which became operative on the first of April, supplementing provincial enactments, by stopping the importation or transportation to "dry" provinces.

The effect has been drastic. While the order has in some cases been successfully evaded, the lid, generally speaking, is on pretty tight.

The order-in-council referred to is a war measure operative during the war and for twelve months afterwards. It is this twelve months pro-

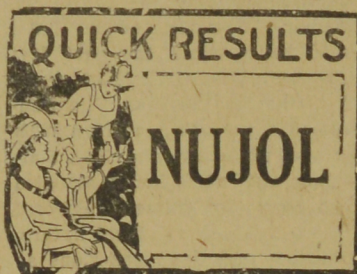
vision that now causes some misgivings. The War Measure Act is the Canadian counterpart of the Defence of the Realm Act in Britain and over there according to advices, it is held that when the war is over, the Act passes out of existence, carrying with it such orders as have been passed under its provisions. The War Measures Act may be in the same position. Its constitutionality in the war has never been assailed but, with peace, the provision of the prohibition order making it operative for a year longer admits of some doubt. Some day after peace, a dealer in Montreal may ship a few carloads of whiskey to dry Ontario, and there will be a test case as to whether a Government Act as a "war measure" is or is not operative when the war is over.

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any doubt and it is understood that the Government, while not admitting the unconstitutionality of the Act under the new conditions, will probably ask Parliament to ratify not only this, but numerous other war measures.

Horse racing will come back automatically next spring. The ban was for the war and six months afterwards.

Ontario to Vote on it

Toronto, Nov. 13—The conclusion of peace will bring a number of important matters before the Ontario Legislature next session. One of the most important of these is the determination of a date for voting on prohibition. The present "dry" legislation is, of course, a war measure only, and must be endorsed by the people of the province before it can

BEATING THE HIGH COST OF THE MOVIES

(Chicago News)

"I see here," said Pinwood looking up from the paper to his wife across the room "that a well known moving picture authority says we shall be paying more to see the movies in a few years than we do now for food. People he claims are becoming so engrossed in film plays that they are beginning to eat less."

"I don't believe you will ever pass up a meal," put in Mrs. Pinwood. You are always on the job at eating time. That's why we never get a good seat when we go to the show."

"That's all true enough. Arethusa, but what I started to say was that there will be more money in films than ever. The man who does not get his share of that money is a fool. I've been doing some pondering on the subject lately—you may have noticed my thoughtful mien."

"Was it thoughtful you were?" laughed his wife. "I thought you were getting dormant for the winter."

"My idea is to buy a moving picture camera and form a producing company of our own relations. I shall be the leading man. I have all the attributes."

"For the character man I shall employ your Uncle Amos, a protean old gentleman to say the least. I am sure he would gladly contribute a small amount of money for the privilege I offer him. Your Aunt Hattie, if she wishes to invest a small sum will be made our leading character woman. She would shine in kitchen scenes and 'mother' parts. My niece will make an ideal ingénue and your Cousin Hannah's boy, John, will shine some as a juvenile—if his father will make a small investment."

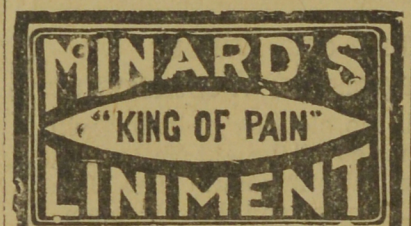
"For our villain I can think of no one better than your brother Adam. We must give him something that will come natural to him. The villain parts will suit him to a T."

"And I shall be your leading lady!" cried Mrs. Pinwood, entranced with her husband's bright idea.

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become permanent. The date originally set for the referendum was June 1, 1919, but it is expected that it will be set back to a later period. The beginning of June will hardly find all the soldiers reestablished in civil life, nor conditions back to the normal state necessary for a fair vote on the measure.

The Legislature must also determine the form of the question to be put to the people—whether a straight "yes" or "no" proposition, or one embracing a modified measure of prohibition.

What About Quebec

Quebec, Nov. 13—"Now that the war's over, will Quebec Province go dry?" This is the question which many a purveyor and consumer of bottled hilarity is asking himself these days.

The only answer is an emphatic yes, with the saving proviso, that the law, as enacted in the dying hours of the last session, remain as it stands on the statute books. The law makes no bones about it, there is no mention of war or the wars end. It simply states that on and after May 1st, 1919, liquid enthusiasm for beverage purposes, will be a non-ens all over the province.

None of the authorities will discuss what the government will or will not, or may or may not do.

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