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HOUSE RUSHED BUSINESS
THROUGH AT FRIDAY SESSION

Assembly Chamber.

April 23, 1920.

The House met at 12.30 p. m. MR. LEBLANC presented the report of the Municipalities Committee.

MR. MAGEE from a special committee to whom was referred the bill relating to the Incorporation of Villages, submitted a report.

HON. MR. FOSTER introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the indemnity of members of the legislature. On the ground of urgency and with the unanimous consent of the House it was read a second time.

HON. MR. FOSTER introduced a bill to amend the act respecting the levying of rates and taxes in the City of St. John which was read a second time.

HON. MR. FOSTER introduced a bill to amend the act respecting the Executive Council. He explained that the object of the bill was to provide a salary for the Minister of Health The bill was read a second time.

It being 1 o'clock the speaker left the chair to resume at 3 p. m.

MR. TILLEY, on the House resuming after recess, moved on behalf of Mr. Smith (Carleton) for copies of correspondence between the Government and the Minister of Justice in connection with the Railway Act of last session.

HON. MR. VENIOT said that the correspondence would be produced without the formality of an address.

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. Peck the following resolutions:

"Resolved that under the provisions of Part LV of the Canada Temperance Act, as enacted by Chapter 8 of the Statutes passed at the second Session of the Parliament of Canada held in 1919, this Legislative Assembly doth request that the votes of the electors in all the electoral districts of this Province may be taken for or against the following prohibition, that is to say:

"That the importation and bringing of intoxicating liquor into this Province for beverage purposes may be forbidden."

HON. MR. TWEEDDALE speaking to the Resolution said:

In moving this Resolution, I want it to be distinctly understood that it is not a government nor in any sense a party measure. I am simply exercising my right and privilege as a representative of the people and a Member of this House. Every Honorable Member will have an opportunity of exercising his vote in accordance with his conscientious convictions, taking to himself a personal and individual responsibility, without in any way affecting him political allegiance.

It may not be necessary for me to give to the House the necessity or reason for introducing the Resolution as that was fully explained in the speeches delivered by His Lordship, Bishop Richardson, and the other Reverend gentlemen representing the different religious denominations of the Province, when they addressed the Hon. members of this House last week.

During the period of the war almost all civilized countries had either embargoed, restricted or prohibited the use or sale of intoxicating liquors. The Federal Government, as a war measure, prohibited inter-provincial traffic in intoxicating liquors, and since the cessation of hostilities, have rescinded the order but along with it have made provision by a statutory regulation, giving the people in the respective Provinces an opportunity of making known to the Federal Government their wishes in respect to inter-provincial traffic in spirituous and intoxicating liquors. This is a recognition of the broad principles of democracy and takes away from the Government the responsibilities of imposing what to some might seem to be an arbitrary law upon the respective provinces.

In the Federal Statutes providing for referendum it is necessary to have a resolution similar to this passed by the Legislature before the Federal Government will hold a plebiscite. If this resolution was not moved in the House this Session, a plebiscite could not be held on the question for eighteen months hence.

Attorney General Daniels, of the Nova Scotia Government, gave notice of the Resolution in the Legislature in that Province as a Government measure, on the 16th instant.

I am not going to undertake to use either argument or powers of persuasion. Every honorable member will be free to exercise his own judgment on the issue and will be recorded in Hansard according as he votes for or against the issue.

In my judgment, provincial prohibition is practically impossible of enforcement with inter-provincial traffic in spirituous and intoxicating liquors permissible.

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MR. PECK, in seconding the Resolution, said that it had been proposed by the New Brunswick Branch of the Temperance Alliance and was cordially approved by a large number of clergymen and business men of the Province. He considered it one of the most important questions at present agitating the public mind and he had much pleasure in seconding the resolution, the object of which was to give the people an opportunity to express their opinion.

MR. MICHAUD agreed with mover of the resolution that all hon. members had the right to exercise their individual opinion on the question. He considered the matter an important one, not only for New Brunswick but for Canada. Personally he had always been a temperance man and had worked for the cause prior to the passage of the Intoxicating Liquor Act. Since that he had taken no part either for or against temperance and had not even appeared in Court in connection with liquor cases. He was opposed to the resolution because it meant interference by the Federal Government in Provincial affairs. Another reason for his being opposed to it was that he felt it would neutralize the effect of the plebiscite to be taken on the Intoxicating Liquor Act. Prior to the election in 1917 he had refused to commit himself on the question of prohibition but had agreed to do nothing to minimize its effects until such

time as the people had pronounced upon the question. No appeal had yet been made to the people on the question and he did not think that the result of the last election was a proper interpretation of the Intoxicating Liquor Act. He believed the people should have a chance to say whether or not they wanted prohibition before they were asked to say whether liquor was to be imported or not. He would move, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the following:

"That all the words after the word 'that' in the resolution now before the House be struck out and the following words substituted therefore:

"Whereas the Legislative Assembly of this Province has passed the Act known as the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1916,

"And whereas the said Act provides that after the declaration of peace the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a day for the holding of an election for or against the retention of the said Act;

"And whereas the Government of this Province has promised that an election as aforesaid shall be held in the near future;

"Be it therefore resolved that in the opinion of this House it is not advisable that the people of this Province should express their opinion on the question of inter-provincial trade in liquors until they have pronounced themselves in favor of the retention of the prohibition law as now in force in New Brunswick."

MR. CAMPBELL in seconding the amendment said that he had endeavored to look at the question from a constitutional and legal aspect. He had always been a temperance man in the best and truest sense of the term. As legislators they were not discussing total abstinence or the use of intoxicating liquors, but were to decide which way they were to vote on the resolution before the House. He noticed by the Dominion Hansard that when the question was before Parliament strong and able opposition was made against the passage of the Act. The controversy had been lengthy and numerous points had been missed but he would only take time to refer to a few of them. It should be remembered that the Act looked forward to prohibition of inter-provincial trade and only applied to Provinces where the sale of liquor was prohibited. New Brunswick was one of those Provinces and was about to decide the question by a plebiscite. Elections were always uncertain and supposing the Act was defeated where would the Province be if in the meantime the electors had voted to prohibit inter-provincial trade. To use a common expression it would be a case of putting the cart before the horse. It must be remembered that the plebiscite provided for by the Dominion Act would have to be taken in Federal electoral districts that meant for instance that a vote could not be taken in the Counties of York and Sunbury, but in the consti-

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agency of York-Sunbury. He did not see how the representatives of Sunbury County could on the resolution before the House give expression to the views of the people of York County. He was hopeful that the points he had raised against the resolution would command themselves to hon. members.

The question being put on the amendment the House divided as follows: (Continued on Page Three).

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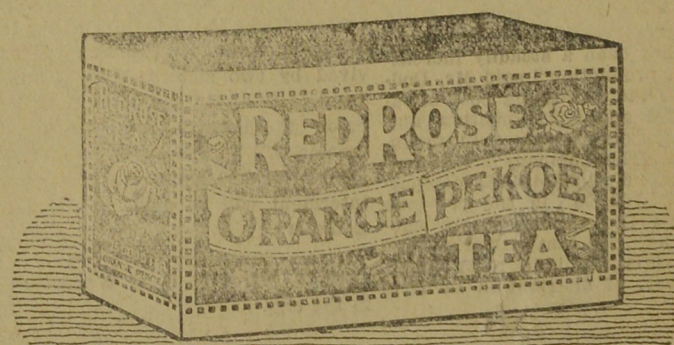
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