

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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THE NOVA SCOTIA TEMPERANCE ACT 1910.

As noted in our despatches the other day, the Attorney General of Nova Scotia has introduced in the Legislature a bill, which will probably become law, providing in effect to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors throughout the Province, excepting within the city of Halifax, and for some months, till one existing license expires, in the county of Richmond. As in Prince Edward Island, the law cannot take effect in counties now under the Scott Act.

The general provisions of the bill are quite similar to our prohibitory law, except that the penalties for infraction are lighter—\$50 or one month in jail for a first offence, \$100 or two months for a second offence, and for a third and every subsequent offence four months imprisonment. The search warrant clauses include power to search vehicles of all sorts and to search the person of any one suspected of having liquor about him, intended for illegal sale.

The provisions as to doctors, druggists and vendors are similar to our own but less stringent. Physicians may prescribe or sell to their patients in quantities not exceeding 12 ounces of spirituous liquors, and of ale or porter not exceeding one gallon, or wine not exceeding one quart, and druggists may fill doctors' prescriptions for liquor provided they are mixed with any other drug or medicine and not intended for use as a beverage.

One or more vendors shall be appointed for each municipality by the Governor in Council, and all vendors and druggists are required to file all certificates and prescriptions, and also record each sale of liquor in a book kept for the purpose, with the name and address of the purchaser, the quantity sold, the name and address of the physician on whose certificate it was sold and the name of the patient for whom the liquor was purchased. Such record is to be open to inspection by any inspector on his request. No liquor sold by any vendor or druggist may be drunk on the premises.

The official machinery for enforcing the law will be an Inspector in Chief, appointed and paid by the Government, and one or more inspectors appointed and paid by each municipality.

pointed and paid by each municipality, the latter to hold office for one year. The Inspector in Chief shall take charge of prosecutions for violation of the Act and may employ legal counsel, the cost to be paid out of the provincial treasury. The prosecutions will be before stipendiary magistrates, and no appeal from any conviction, and no certiorari will be allowed. The bill embodies clauses similar to the amended Scott Act, forbidding under penalty the shipping or carrying liquors from outside into the prohibited territory.

Richmond County will come under the new law, on the expiry of the one existing license, which has some months to run. A new license board is provided for Halifax, composed of five members, two to be appointed by the Government and three by the city, to hold office three years. This board will determine what licenses shall be granted, not to exceed 70. After next census the number shall in no case exceed one per thousand of population. Then on petition of one-fourth of the ratepayers a vote will be taken and the majority will decide whether licenses shall thereafter be granted. If the majority is against license the city will be brought under prohibition. If the majority is in favor of license no further vote can be taken on the question for three years.

Such are the principal provisions of the bill. The leading Halifax papers print the bill in full. It will apply to ten counties not now under the Scott Act, the latter covering eight counties. The Halifax Chronicle criticizes the bill unfavorably and says it is "exceedingly drastic in its provisions."

The Herald charges the Government with having been always hitherto in favor of license, but congratulates them now on having introduced "advanced temperance legislation," and adds:

"With necessary amendments, and enforcement in good faith, the new law should be regarded by moderate men as satisfactory at the present time, and as giving promise of all that the most ardent prohibitionist could wish for in the near future."

INDIGNATION OVER THE TIME TABLE.

There is a strong feeling of indignation among our merchants, business men and citizens generally over the new time table in force on the Prince Edward Island Railway. We refer to that part of it especially which affects travel between Summerside and this city. Summerside itself is better served and the arrangements for the eastern section of the Province are comparatively free from objection. Charlottetown and its business interests are especially

hard hit by the time table as it stands and we learn that vigorous remonstrances have been wired to Ottawa with a view to having the train service amended.

As it is now the mixed train from the west, due to arrive here at 11.30, is often delayed in its arrival for an hour or more, rendering it practically impossible for passengers to come to this city, get a mid-day meal and transact any business and return to their homes by the afternoon train.



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Those who have anything more important than the briefest errands are compelled to stay over night. One result is that the railway loses business. Those who would be its patrons, if living comparatively near the city, use their horses and carriages, while others do not come at all. The time table as it stands is bad for the railway, inconvenient to the people and a serious handicap to business. This is the more to be deplored as a service that would be fairly satisfactory all round could easily be arranged at but a trifle of additional cost.

Toronto voted seven to one the other day to double the city's contribution to the great projected public hospital there, the erection of which is now assured.

There was a powerful consensus of opinion expressed in the recent discussion in Parliament against race-track gambling, but when it came to a vote in committee on the Miller bill, designed to check this great evil, the bill was defeated by a majority of one. The matter should not be left where it is. If the race-track cannot be maintained in Canada apart from gambling there will be a sweeping movement some day to do away with race meetings, especially in connection with Provincial exhibitions and fairs.

ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT OF WILKINSON'S TRIAL.

TORONTO, April 13.—Judge Winchester this morning, in county judge's criminal court, enlarged the case of John E. Wilkinson, charged with purchasing one from unauthorized persons, till April 27.

BARL GREY FOR BERLIN.

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