

VANCOUVER IS DRY BUT DISCONTENTED

Bootlegger Alone Satisfied With Situation.

ILLICIT SUPPLY AMPLE

Legislature Works to Bring Forth Scheme to Lift Lid—Liquor Trickles Over Border.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 26.—(Special.)—The liquor condition in the province of British Columbia is in that indefinite state between prohibition and moderate bootlegging and legitimate dealing when the people are holding their breath and awaiting the decision of the gods at the provincial legislature.

There is plenty of liquor, good, bad and indifferent, to be obtained. There are many supplies both in Canada and the United States. Only recently a Seattle outfit offered 5000 cases of Old Scotch whisky with no buyers, because good whisky could be obtained elsewhere at lower rates. Wholesale prices are not very high and even some retail dealers are lowering the rates.

Doctors Reap Benefits. Meantime, the provincial legislature, now in session, is wrestling with the problem. At the last session the people in a very decided tone informed the government that the existing law was neither desirable nor satisfactory.

The general citizenry disapproved the enforcement of the act and violated it many times with no feeling of guilt. The law was, and is, under the direction of the prohibition commissioner, and is enforced by provincial and city police forces. Bootleggers sprung up in every nook and corner. Whisky, importation of which was permitted, was freely brought in thousands of cases from Scotland, England, United States, China, Australia and Japan.

But, in spite of the activity of the legitimate liquor merchants and peddlers, the government stores did a rushing business. They supplied all who purchased legitimately in wholesale quantities, such as druggists, dentists, physicians, veterinarians, churches, scientific and industrial establishments. In addition, they dealt largely with many of the public who bought retail quantities through the means of physicians' certificates.

At first the statute permitted the sale of two quarts on a doctor's prescription. This was abused, and the quantity was cut to eight ounces. The underground dealers benefited largely. The sales of the government stores are decreasing, but there is just as much liquor handled through the transportation companies, so it is inferred by this that the illicit trade is harvesting the crop.

Perhaps sailors on steamers and vessels plying between Vancouver and United States ports could cast some light on the subject. They are occasionally caught loading whisky on southbound craft and are strongly suspected of intending to sell the goods at high prices to a thirsty proletariat in Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Los Angeles or San Francisco.

Order is Taken to Courts. On February 1 the provinces forbade this traffic. Interprovincial dealings in liquor fell to nothing. The whisky companies fought the matter, and it is now in the courts. It has passed successfully through the different civil trials to the supreme court of Canada, and will be argued before that body in May next.

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CORVALLIS WOMAN DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Rebecca J. Richards, Corvallis, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Rebecca Jane Richards, wife of the late J. G. Richards, died March 25 at her home in Corvallis after an illness of several months.

ward the government and its failure to agree speedily on a satisfactory statute, but it is not pronounced. It is generally understood, however, that if the new law does not work out satisfactorily, the residents of British Columbia may arise and demand an absolute "bone-dry" condition of affairs.

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