

# ASKING OTTAWA TO FREE LIQUOR FOR CHRISTMAS

Letters From All Provinces  
Asking Relaxation of  
War-time Order

ARE APPEALING IN VAIN

No Likelihood of Rescinding  
of Orders Until Formal  
Peace Signed

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Anxious for Christmas cheer in the "good old way," numerous thirsty correspondents, are bombarding the Government with telegrams and letters. They are not representative of any one Province alone. They are from almost every part of the Dominion, and all alike ask for relaxation of the war-time orders in Council prohibiting importation of intoxicating liquor.

## Importation Not Allowed.

It was expected that the orders in Council, along with the war period, would have lapsed weeks ago. But delays in ratification of the treaty have prolonged the life of the War Measures Act; and the orders in Council remain in force. Importation is still forbidden.

There is a Cabinet wing which has for some time urged abrogation of all the war-time orders in Council. It takes the view that the orders in Council were passed to meet special war conditions, and that the more quickly special war restrictions are removed, the less likely is there to be unrest.

## Would Repeal All Orders.

Acting on a general principle, it would repeal all the war-time orders in Council, not specially orders in Council affecting importation and manufacture of intoxicating liquor. It would, however, make an exception of the order in Council authorizing the Government to deal with alien enemy property. Powers under this order in Council are considered essential until enabling legislation passed last session can be utilized when peace is formally proclaimed.

But although rescinding of all war-time orders has met with support, there is no likelihood of any relaxation for Christmas. Formal peace, it is thought, is not now far distant, and with its coming war-time restrictions will cease.