

LIQUOR BOARD CHARTS COURSE AT FIRST MEET

Senate Confirms Entire 17
Commissioners; Name
Executive Body

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Confirmed in their positions at a stormy executive session of the senate Monday night, the 17 members of the liquor control commission which will regulate the flow of 3.2 beer and wine in Michigan assembled Tuesday at the capitol, organized, and started on their complicated task.

If ways can be found to cut the inevitable red tape, residents of the state may taste legal beer before the May 15 deadline set tentatively, according to Frank A. Picard of Saginaw, chairman of the commission. Legal sales may start in Wayne county by May 10, he indicated. There may be some further delay outstate because, except in Wayne county, local governing bodies must approve licenses.

"I want to do a good job as chairman," Picard said. "If I do a good job, I'll be satisfied and if I don't, I hope the people of Michigan will kick me out."

To Require \$1,000 Bonds

The commission remained in closed sessions for several hours at the end of which Mr. Picard announced several developments. Within 24 hours, he indicated, the commission will have determined the form of application to be furnished to local legislative bodies for submission to those seeking licenses as retailers. The bond to be required for this class of vendors will be set at \$1,000, the commission decided. This was the minimum permitted by the beer bill. Either surety or personal bonds will be permitted.

No brewery will be licensed without unanimous consent of the commission, Mr. Picard said. Local control applies only to retailers under the law. The executive committee of the commission was chosen consisting of Mr. Picard, V. E. Gormley, Newberry, and Dean Halford, Kalamazoo. These members will receive salaries of not

Beer Is Pouring Into Michigan

GRAND RAPIDS, May 2 (AP)—By motor truck and airplane beer was pouring into Grand Rapids Tuesday from bordering states for private consumption because machinery has not yet been geared to permit its sale. Several truck loads came in Monday from Chicago, St. Louis and Mishawaka, Ind., and the translake Michigan commercial airplane line was bringing in full loads each trip from Milwaukee.

Twenty-six applications for licenses to retail beer were filed Monday night with the city commission, which will study the applications before making recommendations to the state liquor control commission which alone can issue the permits.

more than \$2,000 a year. The other members receive only their expenses for attending meetings.

Lease Offices in Bank Block

Offices of the commission will be established on the eighth floor of the City National building, most of this floor having been leased.

Applications from brewers were being heard during the afternoon. Committees of the commission will meet in the evening.

The commission will meet in its new quarters Wednesday and will continue to deliberate for several days. After the morning session Mr. Picard refused to set a tentative date for general sale of beer.

The brewery representatives, he said, before receiving licenses, must furnish all facts about their organizations, including lists of stockholders and capacity of the plants.

Confirmation of the entire list of commissioners by the senate came as a surprise in view of the fact that the committee on executive business, meeting during a recess taken just before the executive session, had declined to report out the names of two appointees, James Gordon Bonine, former state senator from Cassopolis, and Herman Butler, East Tawas. Objections to these men were withdrawn later, however, and the names were presented for confirmation.

The roll was called on each of the 17 names, following presentation of the name. It was definitely learned that James D. Foster, brother of Senator Joe C. Foster (R) of East Lansing, and appointee from this congressional district, was confirmed without comment on formal roll call.