

SUNDRY LIQUOR BILLS.

House Bill No. 21 (Ch. 487) repeals the law relating to free lunches in saloons where intoxicating liquors are sold.

House Bill No. 59 (Ch. 538) repeals the law relating to the employment of minors under sixteen years of age handling intoxicating liquors.

House Bill No. 58 (Ch. 567) repeals the law relating to the hours for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

House Bill No. 60 (Ch. 563) repeals the law relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors to minors.

House Bill No. 63 (Ch. 669) repeals the law relating to the sale of malt, beer and other extracts not brewed as such.

These bills, therefore, undertake to repeal various provisions of the liquor license laws of the State.

I do not see any good purpose to be attained by any of them. It seems to me that if anything is to be done with the license laws, the subject ought to be handled as a whole and with some policy in view.

Certainly nothing is to be gained by repealing a few disconnected provisions which might be needed in the event that the license law should ever be revived and made operative, either in its present or in some modified form.

All of these bills will be vetoed.

ARMISTICE DAY.

(Chapter 661)

House Bill No. 436 requires Armistice Day to be a school holiday. The State Board of Education and the School Board of Baltimore City both oppose this bill, because it would result in four school holidays in November, one on General Election Day, two for Thanksgiving and Armistice Day. Armistice Day is already a legal holiday, and patriotic exercises are held at the schools during the afternoon, which is probably a better way to teach the spirit of the occasion than a school holiday would be. I am advised that the signing of this bill would force the schools in the counties to continue a day longer in June in order to make up the time lost. For these reasons the bill will be vetoed.