

BANS LIQUOR EXPORTS ACROSS DETROIT RIVER

Ontario Orders Closing of Docks, but Exporters Declare They Will Not Obey.

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DETROIT, Mich., May 31.—All liquor export docks on the Canadian side of the Detroit River, from Amherstburg to Belle River, were ordered closed this afternoon by the Provincial Government of Ontario.

The exporters, however, declared that they would defy the order, on the ground that the Provincial Government has no jurisdiction over the docks.

The twenty or more exporters served with the notices to quit, have done a \$50,000,000 business annually, supplying rum-runners who took the beer, whiskey and other liquors to Detroit. The notices were served by Provincial police officers this afternoon. The exporters were ordered to close their docks, to export no more liquor and to receive no further shipments from the breweries and distilleries which they are representing.

Several exporters said they would refuse to obey the order, on advice from their attorneys, on the ground that only the Federal Government has the right to interfere in matters of commerce.

The police acted under instructions from Inspector William H. Gardiner, in charge of the Provincial police at Windsor. Gardiner refused to comment on the order apart from making the statement that he had received a letter instructing him to notify all the docks that their business was illegal, and that if they continued exporting from the docks, their stocks would be seized and prosecution follow.

From these docks comes the bulk of the liquor smuggled into Detroit. Much of it goes to the Detroit rum trade, but a large quantity is sent to cities throughout the United States.