

# NO "SALARY GRAB" IN THIS SESSION

**Premier Reported to be Opposed to Larger Indemnity.**

## THE BREAD BILL PASSES.

**It is Read a Third Time in the Legislature.**

**Goes Quietly Through as One of Twenty-three Measures — New Boiler Act Explained—Contentious Matters to be Taken Up To-day, Says Sir James.**

There will be no "salary grab" in the dying hours of the present sitting of the Legislature. The members who sought an increase in sessional indemnity from \$1,000 to \$1,500 will have to wait another and more convenient season. It was generally understood that Sir James Whitney was frowning upon the movement, but its supporters were quoting a Minister, said to be more friendly to the increase, to the effect that the Premier would bow to a unanimous expression from the House.

The agitators have guarded their secret well, and information concerning their procedure is accordingly largely speculative. It is understood, however, that, with their goal in sight, they unexpectedly encountered opposition within the Legislative ranks, and all hope of unanimity in the petition vanished. At least five members are reported to have declared their opposition.

### "A Violation of Contract."

Mr. Allan Studholme was included, according to reports, among the majority. Hence publicity. "When I was approached," said the Labor man, in an interview with *The Globe*, "I told them I couldn't sign any proposed document because it was a violation of a contract wage arrangement between us and the electors. The people sent us here on the understanding that we were to get \$1,000 per session for our services, and it would be a breach of contract to take more. While I could not sign a petition or support the proposal, or take the extra money myself, I told them, finally, I would not make any objections in the House. That is how it must have come about that I was quoted in support of the proposal."

### Mr. Studholme Objects.

Mr. Studholme voiced his objection from the floor of the House just previous to the adjournment yesterday.

"The evening papers," he protested, "are saying something about a 'round robin,' and they say Studholme's name is on that robin. I have never seen a 'round robin' and I have never signed a robin of any kind."

Sir James was also ignorant of the existence of that peculiar creature known as the "round robin."

"Robins appear about this season," he remarked, with a smile, "but I have never seen a 'round' robin. It is like a good many of the things you

read about but never see. I have never had my attention drawn to one, round or square. It is just as well that this should be known, as sometimes the public are deceived."

### And the "Bread Bill," Too.

The Legislature disposed of a good deal of routine business yesterday, twenty-three bills being given their third readings. The famous "bread bill" was among them. It appeared in its final form as a measure to amend the municipal act, and bore Mr. Nickle's name. Mr. McNaught, it will be remembered, having disowned it after the changes made against his wishes prior to it being brought before the committee. In Mr. Nickle's absence, Mr. McPherson moved the third reading, which carried without a word of dissent. The Premier carefully steered clear of everything of a contentious nature. In a statement to the House at the conclusion of yesterday's session Sir James said that this afternoon and probably this evening the Legislature would take up matters on the order paper that are likely to

result in considerable discussion and on which it may be necessary to divide the House.

### The New Boiler Bill.

Hon. Dr. Reaume moved the second reading of the Government's new measure respecting steam boilers. The bill, he explained, was based upon the agreement arrived at by representatives of the various Provinces at a conference held at Regina. It contained regulations as to construction, materials and inspection, which conformed with those of the other Provinces, doing away with the inconvenience and expense which manufacturers have had to put up with in sending boilers to other Provinces where different regulations were in force.

### Two New High Court Judges.

The judicature act was amended to provide for the appointment of two new High Court Judges not attached to any division. The clause when introduced by Hon. Mr. Foy provided for three High Court Judges for each division with a blank for the insertion of the number of new Judges to be appointed. Hon. Mr. Lucas, who had charge of the bill when it was taken up in committee of the House yesterday, stated that the number decided upon by the Government was two.

Hon. A. J. Matheson corrected a statement in a return tabled last week with regard to the expenses of the Chairman of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board. Mr. Leitch's expenses for the year were \$410.01, instead of \$1,109.35, as previously given.

### Mr. Lennox's Narrow Escape.

Mr. T. Herbert Lennox, the member from North York, narrowly escaped committing a grave offence that would have aroused thrills of righteous indignation in the breast of every loyal subject of his Majesty throughout the Dominion. It happened as the House was in Committee of the Whole. The member for North York had been called upon to act as Chairman. He left his seat on the floor of the House and instead of taking his position at the table in the centre aisle stepped absent-mindedly up on to the dais. He was just stopping over to sit down when the astonished faces of the members brought him out of his day dream, causing him to descend from the exalted position rather hurriedly amid a roar of laughter.