

BILL TO INSURE SAFETY OF MINERS

WOULD REGULATE STORING OF EXPLOSIVES—AMENDMENT TO GAME ACT.

For the purpose of insuring the safety of employees in mines, a bill which was explained in the Legislature yesterday by Mr. Hearst provides for the prohibition of storing explosives in or around a mine. It is also made an offence for a man under the influence of liquor to be either in a mine or in the vicinity of a mine. Another clause in the bill makes unpatented mining claims liable to the execution of a seizure by a Sheriff. It also makes clear that the owner of a mining claim is entitled to use jack pine which exists on the claim.

According to an amendment to the game and fisheries act, introduced by Hon. Dr. Reaume, the Minister of Public Works may refund the amount of a fee for a hunting or fishing license provided that license has not been used.

Hon. Mr. Lucas introduced an amendment to the telephone act by which it is provided that on a number of persons who have been operating a private telephone system desiring to become incorporated, and if one of their number object, the remainder must buy out the shares of the dissentient on terms to be decided by arbitration. The bill as amended passed its third reading.

Questions for Government.

The Opposition is still firing questions at the Government. Mr. G. Evanturel (Prescott) will ask for reasons why a revote of \$15,000 towards the construction of an inter-provincial bridge at Hawkesbury was not included in the estimates, and whether the Minister of Public Works had promised that such a revote would be made in the estimates. Mr. Z. Mageau (Sturgeon Falls) will ask for a return of correspondence relating to the granting of a permit for a tug owned by the Dominion Fish Company to fish on the Lizard Island preserve.

Dr. J. McQueen (North Wentworth) will seek a return of correspondence regarding the conduct of J. S. Dempsey, Police Magistrate, and the part he took in the recent Dominion and Provincial elections.

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NEW INSURANCE BILL IS UNDER CONSIDERATION

LEGISLATURE SPENDS WHOLE EVENING IN PASSING BILL THROUGH COMMITTEE.

For four hours last night the Legislature devoted itself to wading through the manifold clauses in the insurance bill, which provides for the licensing of all agents of insurance companies not registered in Ontario. With Mr. Mahaffy in the chair the House in Committee of the Whole considered each clause individually. A few minor amendments were made in the wording of some of the clauses.

Mr. W. J. Vales, assistant insurance inspector for the Province, sat at the side of Hon. J. J. Foy during the consideration of the bill. Besides the Attorney-General, the Provincial Secretary and Mr. W. K. McNaught for the Government and Mr. Rowell, Mr. J. C. Elliott, Col. Mayberry and Mr. Proudfoot for the Opposition, very few in the House manifested any interest in the proceedings. By 11 o'clock, when the House adjourned, 199 out of the 243 clauses in the bill had been passed: