

# TO FACILITATE INQUIRY FOR SUCCESSION DUTIES

## MR. M'GARRY'S BILL GIVES POWER FOR PROBE BY SUR- ROGATE JUDGE.

In order to simplify procedure and take steps which the authorities have been unable to take to determine the value of an estate, Hon. T. W. McGarry, Provincial Treasurer, yesterday introduced in the Legislature a bill to amend the succession duty act. One of the amendments proposed states that in case the Treasurer is of the opinion that any person or corporation is in possession of any property of a deceased person which is or may be dutiable under this act, or that any person or corporation is in possession of knowledge or information in reference to the property of any deceased person which is or may be dutiable under the act, or if for any other reason the Treasurer deems it advisable to examine any person about the enforcement of the provisions of the act, a Surrogate Court Judge of the county in which the property or any part thereof is supposed to be situated shall, at the instance of the Treasurer, order such person or any officer of the corporation to attend before him touching the property of the deceased of touching any property in his knowledge which is dutiable under the act.

It is also set forth, in substitution for an existing section, that the Treasurer may appoint a Commissioner or Commissioners to ascertain what property, if any, is subject to succession duty under the terms of the act, the fair market value of such property, and make inquiries on other matters specified.

## PROVINCE EXPECTS \$600,000 FROM AMUSEMENT TAX

### WILL START AT FIRST WITH ONE CENT, WITH AN ADVANCE LATER ON.

Hon. T. W. McGarry, Provincial Treasurer, yesterday introduced the amusement tax bills in the Legislature providing for a minimum tax of one cent on admissions to places of amusement, with the right of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to increase the sum to 25 cents. The one-cent levy, it is expected, will be a general rate at first, but afterwards there will be an advance, with more on the bigger houses. When the tax is raised as high as 10 cents it is calculated that the revenue brought in will be \$600,000. Provision is made for giving to the houses which collect the tax 10 per cent. of the proceeds gathered in for Government purposes.