

FIVE MILLIONS FOR NORTHLAND

Ontario Government Votes New Appropriation for Hinterland Development

The Ontario Government intends spending another five million dollars within the next few years on development work in the northern and northwestern part of the Province. Of the appropriation that was set aside for this purpose five years ago, only about half a million dollars remain. Hon. G. H. Ferguson, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, yesterday introduced legislation in the Legislature to appropriate the further amount.

The Minister explained that with the reconstructive period which will come after the war, and with the plans that are to be carried out in the development of the Northland, the Government thought it well to take time by the forelock and appropriate the additional amount at this session. Other interesting changes are also provided for in the bill. The act will permit the use of the appropriation for making loans to settlers desiring to go into dairying, cheesemaking, etc., on a co-operative basis. In addition, the Minister will be given authority to assist settlers in increasing their live stock.

Purchasers of Wood Bill.

Second reading was given to a bill introduced by Mr. Joseph Russell to legalize the gift of three airplanes by the city of Toronto to the Imperial Army Council, the cost of which was \$22,000. The bill was referred to the Municipal Committee.

To protect the purchasers of wood, Mr. Colin S. Cameron (North Grey) introduced an amendment to the Municipal Act, giving municipalities the right to pass a by-law requiring that all firewood or cordwood offered for sale be sold by the cord, and that that term shall mean 128 cubic feet. The bill also provides that the wood offered for sale on the market shall be measured by the inspector and the measurement placed conspicuously on the load, and that the inspector shall also give a certificate to the owner of the wood. This certificate must be handed over to the purchaser.

Mr. G. H. Gooderham's bill to amend the Municipal Act regulating annexations to cities, for the authorizing of stands on highways for the parking of autos, and the prohibiting of the erection of garages in some residential districts, was given its second reading. It was then sent on to the Municipal Committee.