

REGISTRY FEES

ADVANCE HELPS

Raising of Schedule by Legislature Will Lessen Demand on City

"While the increase of thirty per cent. in Registry Office fees granted by the Government will help some, it is doubtful if the increase will make the office self-sustaining," according to at least one city official.

The statement that the city's share of the Registry Office fees was ninety per cent. is not according to fact. "Subject to the provisions of section 148 of the Land Titles Act," the act reads, "the Registrars of East and West Toronto shall each pay the Treasurer of the city of Toronto on his net income over \$1,500 the following percentages:

"On the excess over \$1,500 to \$2,000, ten per cent.; on the excess over \$2,000 to \$2,500, twenty per cent.; on the excess over \$2,500 to \$3,000, thirty per cent.; on the excess over \$3,000 to \$6,000, fifty per cent.; on the excess over \$6,000 ninety per cent."

Section 148 of the act provides that where the act applies to a county, city or town entitled to receive money from the Registry Office, the Registrar should pay the Provincial Treasurer, to be applied as far as necessary in defraying the salary of the Master and other expenses of the office, the money payable either directly or indirectly to the county, city or town under the act, and the Treasurer shall pay the balance to the county, city or town, and if this is not sufficient to pay the office expenses, etc., the residue shall be made good to the Province by the municipality.

Instead of receiving any revenue from the Registry Office during the past two years, the city has been billed for a deficit of \$10,000, the receipts not being equal to the expenses of the office.