

NIGHT SESSION IS SHORT-LIVED

Mr. Dewart's Action Causes Premier to Move Abrupt Adjournment

The night session of the Legislature ended almost before it had begun last night, when Mr. Hartley Dewart endeavored to move an amendment to the Prime Minister's motion to go into supply. Sir William Hearst explained that an agreement had been made with the Opposition Leader that the House would spend the evening on the estimates. Mr. Proudfoot was not present last evening, having received word that his son, Lieut. William Proudfoot of the 15th Battalion of Canadian Infantry, had again been wounded in action. The Prime Minister refused to allow Mr. Dewart to move his amendment, declaring that if there was any objection to the House going into supply he would move the adjournment. Probably not in a quarter of a century has such action been taken. The member for Southwest Toronto did not intimate what his amendment was, but said he wished to discuss certain matters. The Premier then carried out his threat to move the adjournment, and the members departed without doing any business, save for the second reading of two bills.

Some Conservative members were exceedingly angry with the member for Southwest Toronto. "We could have disposed of the estimates tonight but for the action of Mr. Dewart," they said, after the House had adjourned.

Mr. Dewart, of course, was quite in order, but owing to the arrangement made with the Opposition Leader Sir William Hearst would not consent to the consideration of anything but the estimates.

WOULD FORCE DEALERS TO WEIGH ALL COAL

LEGISLATURE GIVES SECOND READING TO BILL INTRODUCED BY J. A. PINARD.

Second reading was given an important Ottawa bill in the Legislature last night. It was introduced by Mr. J. A. Pinard (East Ottawa), and gives municipalities power to compel coal dealers to have all loads of coal weighed by municipal officials, while all wood vendors must have their loads measured. The measure is of special interest to Ottawa, but it also interests other municipalities, since they would be affected by the legislation. Mr. Pinard said there were weigh scales in Ottawa, but the courts said the municipality had not power to compel coal dealers to have their loads weighed before making delivery.

Another Ottawa proposal was that a cord of wood should contain at least 128 cubic feet of wood. In the event of the legislation passing, persons selling wood for fuel must show the purchaser the municipal weigh scales officer's certificate showing how much wood the load contains.

OTHER CITIES' BILLS PASS

London and Ottawa Legisla- tion Favored by Private Bills Committee

London and Ottawa city bills had smooth sailing in the Private Bills Committee yesterday morning. Among other things the Ottawa bill provides for \$18,000 for the Central Canada Exhibition; \$15,000 for the Halifax Relief Fund; \$20,000 for extensions to the Isolation Hospital and \$40,000 for a soldiers' home; \$34,000 for trunk sewers, and \$50,000 for a new bridge across the Rideau. Another clause provides for the opening of polls at municipal elections at eight instead of nine o'clock. A clause regarding weighing machines and coal was referred to the Municipal Committee, and a clause respecting exemption of buildings and income from assessment was referred to the Special Committee on Assessment Reform, which is to meet after the session.

The chief provision in the London bill is \$138,000 for the London Railway Commission. Other clauses provide \$15,000 for storm sewers, \$25,000 for waterworks extensions, and \$25,000 for extension of the electric light plant.

Other bills passed by the committee were a measure incorporating the Preston Light and Water Commissioners; an act respecting the town of Sudbury and confirming certain by-laws, introduced by Mr. Charles McCrea (Sudbury); the Gananoque bill, relating to the consolidation of floating debt and the construction of waterworks and sewers; and an act respecting Orillia town and township, concerning the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital and the General Hospital.

Changes in Game Laws Recommended in House

Changes in the game laws of the Province were recommended yesterday by the Fish and Game Committee of the Legislature. One suggestion was that duck shooting should cease on the 15th instead of the 31st December each year. Reduction in the license fees of game dealers from \$25 to \$10 in large cities, and from \$5 to \$2 in cities under 50,000 population, and proportionate reductions for towns and townships was recommended, while as a war measure it was suggested that hunters be allowed to kill two deer instead of one as at present. A close season of three years for black, grey and fox squirrels was favored, and the question of remunerating the owners of bird sanctuaries was considered, but not disposed of.

HOSPITALS FOR INCURABLES.

Homes for incurables should be treated as if they were hospitals, and the Government grant should be increased from 7 to 30 cents per patient per day, said a deputation which waited yesterday on the Provincial Secretary, Hon. W. D. McPherson. The visitors came from London and Ottawa, and were introduced by Sir Adam Beck and Mr. George Hurdman.