

CATHOLIC HUTS GRANT IS OFF

City Will Not Request Local
House for Ratifi-
cation

TORONTO LEGISLATION

Members of the Board of Control and city officials held a conference with the Toronto representatives in the Legislature at the Parliament Buildings yesterday afternoon to discuss the legislation affecting Toronto which is to be introduced at this session. As a result of the meeting the legislation requested has been somewhat changed, while one or two clauses stand over for further consideration, and to be re-drafted.

There was a prolonged discussion on the request for an act ratifying the \$15,000 grant for the Catholic Army Huts. Neither the members of the Board of Control nor the Toronto members in the Legislature were unanimous on the matter, and it was decided that the request for ratification should be withdrawn. Thus the money will not be paid. Controller Robbins opposed the request for ratification, and Messrs. J. Russell, M.P.P. for Riverdale, and Thomas Hook, M.P.P. for Southeast Toronto, supported him. Controllers McBride and Maguire urged that the money was not for sectarian purposes and should be paid. W. H. Price, M.P.P. for Parkdale, said he thought too much money was being spent unwarrantedly. Mr. Mark Irish regretted that the discordant note had been sounded in municipal affairs, but he was against the grant being paid.

No objection was taken to legislation sought with respect to sewage disposal in certain districts, or the desired validation of ordinary local improvement by-laws of last year. A clause in the "bill respecting the city of Toronto," permitting the corporation to order the cutting of trees on city thoroughfares without giving 48 hours' notice, as now provided, was approved.

Clauses Reconsidered.

It was decided to further consider a clause which as drafted provided that the Council might pass by-laws to prohibit any change in the use of, or the purposes for which any building was used, without the approval of the Council and a permit being obtained therefor from the City Architect, and permitting penalties to be imposed for breaches of such by-laws.

Clauses designed to permit of systematizing of street car service after the taking over of the lines in 1921, and to validate tax sales, were agreed to without objection.

It was eventually agreed to have redrafted a clause having as its purpose requiring that all parcels of land within the municipality shall, upon subdivision thereof, and as a condition precedent to the right of subdivision, be required to pay the entire cost of all local improvement works and the entire cost of all services and public utilities supplied by the municipality for the benefits of such lands.

WESTERN UNIV. ASKS FOR GRANT

Premier Hearst Says He Will
Discuss Request With
Colleagues

Sir William Hearst told a deputation which waited on the Government yesterday from London and district, that he would discuss with his colleagues the request for a grant of \$150,000 to Western University, to see if the finances of the Province would permit of it being made. The deputation, which was introduced by Sir Adam Beck, included Bishop Williams of Huron, Bishop Fallon of London, Mayor Somerville, Dr. Braithwaite, President of Western University, and Dr. McCallum, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University.

The money is required to extend the faculty of medicine in connection with Western University. Citizens of London have already voted \$100,000 toward the work, but to erect the kind of building required to make the institution up-to-date, the grant from the Government is needed. The land costing \$22,000 has already been secured.

While unable to give the deputation any definite promise yesterday, Sir William asked that the representations submitted should be sent to him in writing, accompanied by a statement showing how maintenance charges were to be met if the building were erected. Sir William intimated also that the Government was considering having an investigation made to ascertain if some better method cannot be devised of aiding both Western and Queen's Universities.

CAUCUS AGAIN ON THE O.T.A.

Conservative Members Think
Referendum to be
"Wide Open"

AMENDMENTS NOT READY

Conservative members of the Legislature held a three-hour caucus again yesterday. These meetings of the faithful are becoming regular weekly affairs. Like the gathering of a fortnight ago, the meeting yesterday devoted practically all of its time to a discussion of the Government's temperance policy. That question is one that is causing members of the Government a lot of worry.

It is understood that yesterday the members were assured that as Hon. Mr. McGarry phrased it last week, the referendum on the temperance question will be taken in a "wide-open fashion." As yet there is no sign of the bill to amend the Temperance Act making its appearance in the House, and it is doubtful if it will for another two weeks. It is quite possible, however, that within the next few days Sir William Hearst will tell the House in a general way just what the policy of the Government in regard to the matter is to be.