

HURON AND BRUCE ASKING FOR HYDRO

Deputation Waits Upon Sir Adam Beck, Who Promises Action

Urging upon Sir Adam Beck that the district which they represented desired Hydro power, a large delegation from Huron and Bruce counties conferred with the Chairman of the Ontario Hydro-electric Power Commission yesterday. They submitted a statement of their probable requirements, and Sir Adam agreed that the engineers should be instructed to go ahead and make a report on the matter at once. The district could be supplied from Eugenia Falls by an extension of the line from Goderich or by an extension of the Niagara system.

The requirements of the places concerned are: Wingham, 500 h.p.; Teeswater, 100; Blyth, 150; Lucknow, 100; Ripley, 75; Kincardine, 250; Port Elgin, 300; Fordwich, 50; Gorrie, 50; Brussels, 100; Paisley, 100.

LOAN COMPANIES ACT INTRODUCED

Hon. Mr. Lucas Presents Re- port of Special Com- mittee

Hon. I. B. Lucas, toward the end of yesterday's session, presented to the Ontario Legislature the report of the special committee which sat during recess to revise the laws respecting loan and trust corporations. He also introduced the bill which was based on the report, and which was considered by the committee at its last meeting. There were no changes in the draft as submitted yesterday, and the clause which the corporations objected to, prohibiting them from putting more than 15 per cent. of their assets into any one company had not been deleted.

Three Toronto bills were introduced, two of them standing in the name of George H. Gooderham (Southwest Toronto) to amend the Local Improvement Act and the Municipal Franchise Act, and one in the name of Mr. Mark Irish (Northeast Toronto) to amend the Public Health Act.

WOULD COMPEL ATTENDANCE

Change the Names of Tru- ancy Officers to Attend- ance Officers

While not changing the compulsory school age, which still stands at from eight to fourteen year, an Act to compel attendance at school was introduced in the Legislature yesterday which, it is hoped, will remedy many defects which became apparent in the old law, and at the same time incorporate many of the suggestions put forward from time to time. The bill, which was introduced by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, is entitled "An Act Respecting School Attendance." The principal change from the old Truancy Act is that the authority to appoint truant officers is transferred from the Police Commissioners to the School Boards.

The officers, to be appointed and paid by the School Boards, will be designated as School Attendance Officers, and not Truant Officers, as it has been contended for some time that there was a certain stigma attached to the latter term. These officials may be either men or women, whichever the School Board considers advisable. To co-ordinate the work of these officers and to back them up, as it were, the Act provides for the appointment of a Provincial School Attendance Officer. It will not be his part to interfere with the local enforcement of the law, but where local officers meet with difficulty of any sort he will be able to advise them and give assistance.

This official will also have special duties in regard to the enforcement of the school attendance laws in unorganized districts. In the past it has been against the non-attendance in such places that much criticism has been directed. Where settlements neglect to provide schools or teachers, or otherwise fail in their duty toward the children of the district, the Provincial officer is given power to step in and do all the things the local authorities have neglected to do, although having power so to do.