

CITY MUST GET BILLS IN SOONER

So Mr. Lucas Says, and Committee Backs Him
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Toronto was told very plainly yesterday by the Attorney-General, Hon. I. B. Lucas, that it must get its private bills before the Legislature earlier in the session and not wait until the closing days to do so. The members of the Private Bills Committee, or at least the majority of them, backed him up in this. As a result a bill which was before the Private Bills Committee, and which was of a contentious character, was thrown out. The Attorney-General made it clear that his ruling applied not only to this particular bill, but to all Toronto legislation.

The bill, which was killed, was one which Major R. G. Geary, Corporation Counsel, explained, was intended to clarify legislation passed last session, permitting the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to impose a fine of \$1,000 a day on the Toronto Railway Company for non-compliance with its order in placing additional cars in the service. The company had received from the Privy Council the right to appeal against this law, and he did not wish to have that interfered with.

The officials of the city and the Toronto Railway Company were lining up for a big fight on the bill, when Mr. Lucas, as Chairman, read his lecture to the city, and as a preliminary asked the committee if it desired to consider such important legislation two days before the Legislature closed. There was a chorus of "no's" and the matter ended.

UP GOES THE SPEED LIMIT

Committee Raises it to 20
Miles in Cities and 25 in
Country

Motorists in the Province will be jubilant at the action of the Municipal Committee of the Legislature yesterday. After a short, but strenuous fight, the committee reported favorably upon a clause in amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act permitting motor cars to be driven at a speed of 20 miles an hour in cities, town and villages, instead of 15 as at present, and at 25 miles an hour in the country, instead of 20 as at present. The fight was largely between the rural and urban members, although there were a few bolters from the former class, who owning cars of their own, backed up the request to permit motors to be driven at a faster rate of speed. It was stated cars are now driven over the 15 and 20-mile limit, and it only makes hypocrites of people. The clause permitting the cars to be driven faster in urban centres was passed by 19 to 17, and to permit them to be driven at 25 miles in the country, was passed by 20 to 16.

The committee killed a clause which proposed to make it impossible for a person to be convicted of an offence under the act upon the opinion of a single witness as to the rate of speed. Another bill amending the Motor Vehicles Act which was reported, provides that every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a noise muffler; also that every motor vehicle used for commercial purposes must be equipped with a mirror.

Opponents to the higher rate of speed intimated they would fight the clause when the bill comes up in the House.

MEDICAL BILL IS WITHDRAWN

No Explanation Given to
House by Premier
Hearst

There is to be no reorganization of the Ontario Medical Council this year. Last week Sir William Hearst introduced in the Legislature a bill respecting the practise of medicine and surgery, which provided for a certain amount of Government control over the Council, and gave the Council wider powers of discipline. The Prime Minister last night withdrew the bill without offering any explanation.

However, certain clauses having to do with the disciplinary powers of the Council will be taken from the bill and inserted in the Statute Law Amendment Act. These will include power to be given the Council to suspend a member for a certain time instead of removing his name from the register.