

HOUSE STARTS WORK WITHOUT OPPOSITION

LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS SLOW TO TAKE SEATS

When the Ontario Legislature opened yesterday afternoon, there was not a Liberal or a Conservative member in the House. At 3.07 p.m., after prayers, the Liberals drifted in, and at 3.15 the continued absence of members of the late Government party led Major Tolmie, Windsor, jocularly to ask the Premier if he had heard of any misfortune overtaking their missing honorable friends.

Third reading was given the Act to Regulate the Purchase of Milk and Cream, and also the Housing Act.

When Lieut. Jack Ramsden, Southwest Toronto, introduced for second reading legislation to enable the Board of Education to submit its proposed building expenditures to a vote of the people, Hon. Robert Grant intimated that there would be opposition. Hon. Thos. Crawford pointed out that the city of Toronto was anxious to control the estimates of the Board of Education, and he thought the whole matter might be thrashed out in Municipal Committee, to which the bill was finally referred.

ELK LAKE-GOWGANDA LINE GETS PERMIT

MEN WHO HAD BEEN IN FRANCE SAID TO BE BE- HIND SCHEME

The Railway Committee of the Legislature yesterday granted permission to the Northern Ontario Light Railways Co. to build and operate 28 miles of line from Elk Lake to Gowganda. It was pointed out that the men behind the scheme were men who had been to France and worked with the Canadian light railways there which had done such wonderful work. It was felt that such a movement was to the advantage of the North country in a district where a standard road might not pay.

The committee refused to permit the Waterloo-Wellington Railway Company to extend its present railway from Bridgeport to Guelph and to increase its bond issue. The committee took the attitude that the matter should stand over until it is seen that it does not interfere with Hydro plans.