

# FAVOR ONLY THREE BILLS

Many Held Over by the Legal  
Committee Until Next  
Session

## REPORT IRELAND'S BILL

The Legal Committee of the Legislature wielded the axe yesterday, and of the dozen or so bills that came before it for consideration only three were reported. The others were held over for a year for further consideration. Those held over included Mr. Brackin's bill to amend the Wages Act by increasing the amount of wages exempt from seizure or attachment from \$25 to \$50; Mr. Curry's bill requiring landlords who rent rooms or apartments to keep the heat up to 68 degrees; and Sergt. McNamara's bill respecting the maintenance of parents deserted by their offspring. The latter bill was drawn up by Mr. McNamara himself, he told the committee, without legal aid, and the Attorney-General congratulated him upon the effort, and promised consideration between now and next year.

Mr. Ireland's bill amending the County Courts Act was reported. It provides that when litigants attend Supreme Court and find themselves so far down on the list that considerable waiting is entailed, with consequent increased witness costs, they may, with consent of all, transfer the case to the County Court, and costs are to be awarded in the same manner as if such action had been tried in the Supreme Court.

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board has another duty put upon it by Mr. Cooke's bill amending the Cemetery Act. Where trustees are appointed to take a conveyance of land for cemetery purposes, and there is other land available once used as a cemetery, and the owner of such land is absent or unknown, the Railway Board may vest land in the trustees.

Mr. Curry's bill amending the Surrogate Courts Act provides that where accounts of a different nature are submitted to a Surrogate Court Judge, he may appoint an accountant or other skilled person to investigate and assist him in the audit.

## Some Townships Object to Pooling Dog Taxes

Several townships have protested against the proposal in the Legislature to pool dog taxes in the county funds for the payment of sheep losses. The Agricultural Committee, however, reported the bill yesterday, and it goes to the House.

York, Scarboro' and Etobicoke Townships asked that York County be excluded from the act. It developed that the dog tax in one township named amounted to \$1,100 while the amount paid out for sheep losses was only \$32. The real trouble was that the townships thought they were losing a source of revenue. There was no amendment regarding York County.

## GOVERNMENT AGREES TO INCREASE IN GRANT

WILL RAISE SUPPORT OF  
HORTICULTURISTS FROM  
\$17,000 TO \$20,000

The grant to horticultural societies in Ontario has been increased from \$17,000 to \$20,000 by the Government. The Minister of Agriculture has been bombarded with telegrams, and yesterday Premier Drury received a deputation from Toronto horticultural societies asking an increase. An increase to \$32,000 was asked, but the Government, while appreciating the work of these societies, states that it is unable to increase the grant any more than it has because of the financial situation.

The Toronto deputation consisted of Thos. Leeming, A. H. Harkness, W. T. Graham, T. Smith, Frank Roden and C. B. Hamilton, representing Riverdale, High Park and Toronto societies. They were presented to the Premier by Hon. Manning Doherty and J. MacNamara, M.P.P.

"In this time of unrest I know of nothing better than to encourage people to grow things," said the Premier. "But the finances of the Province are not in as good a condition as we could wish, and we

must count the pennies. The time of need is certainly coming, and we must cut down wherever possible, and be ready when the pinch arrives."

Mr. Smith pointed out that at present 104 societies shared the \$17,000 grant, and that with 32 new societies the old societies might be robbed of much of their grants. He asked for an increase of \$8,000.

The matter also came up before the agricultural committee yesterday when Hon. Mr. Doherty explained that the grant was to be increased to \$20,000.