

# WIDOWS WILL GET ASSISTANCE FROM ONTARIO

If Bill Introduced by Hon.  
Walter Rollo Passes  
Legislature

## FIVE ON THE BOARD

All Will Serve on the Special  
Commission Without  
Remuneration

After July 1 of this year pensions for widows with two or more children will be a reality in Ontario, if Hon. Walter Rollo's Mothers' Allowances Bill, introduced into the Legislature yesterday, passes the House at its present sitting. As with the Minimum Wage Board, two of the members of the Commission will be women, and the five persons who will constitute the Commission will serve without remuneration.

In the act as introduced there are no figures showing the extent of pensions to be given. This is apparently left to the board. It will decide the amount of assistance to be given.

Besides widows, the act extends its benefits to the family of a man who is an inmate of an insane asylum, or of a man who is permanently disabled and incapable of contributing to the support of his family. There are stipulations as to residence in Canada and Ontario, and the act, as at present introduced, limits its scope to mothers with "two or more of her own children under fourteen years of age and has not adequate means to care properly for them without the assistance of allowance under this act."

### Residential Rules.

The residential regulations state that the mother must be resident in Canada at the time of the death or total disability of the father and for a period of three years immediately prior to the application for an allowance, and who was a resident of Ontario at the time application for allowance is made, and for two years prior thereto. She must stay in Ontario while in receipt of such allowance, must be a British subject by birth, or the wife of a British subject, and a fit and proper person to have the custody of her children.

The widest powers of investigation and administration of the fund, including the right to declare the amount of the monthly allowance, are to be conferred on the Commission. The cost is to be borne jointly by the Province and the municipality in which the pensioner is resident, except in judicial districts outside of cities, where the Province will bear the whole cost.

### Mode of Distribution.

In brief explanation to the members of the House, Hon. Mr. Rollo explained that the allowances would be distributed through local Commissions acting under the general direction of a Provincial Board. He believed a greater degree of care would be exercised locally if the municipalities bore a part of the burden. It was not the intention of the Government to include stated amounts as pensions, but to see that the family in need of pension had sufficient to prevent them from being in want.

The legislation follows very closely the suggestions laid down by Dr. W. A. Riddell, Deputy Minister of Labor, in his recent report to the Government on mothers' allowances.

# HOUSE DIVIDES ON SMALL BILL

Conflict of Ottawa Members  
Forces Vote in Committee  
of Whole

The Legislature had a division in Committee of the Whole yesterday on an act respecting a civic hospital in Ottawa. J. A. Pinard (East Ottawa) had an extra clause he wanted to add respecting the letting of contracts to limit them to the estimated cost. He wanted the bill to be held over for a time. H. P. Hill (West Ottawa) wanted the bill to be proceeded with. Mr. Hill's motion carried on a division of 16 to 15. Mr. Pinard gave notice that he would move his amendment on the third reading.

A private bill respecting the city of London also caused some trouble. Dr. Stevenson, the member for London, wants three of the clauses in this bill, including large expenditures for a new bridge over the Thames River, purchase of cars and locomotives for the Street Railway Commission and a large amount for construction of storm sewers, thrown out of the bill. He said the people had voted against them in the by-laws submitted, and that a big mass meeting recently had protested. Asked about the City Council, he admitted that it had expressed no opinion. Mr. Dewart thought the City Council should be heard from, as in committee there had been strong arguments in favor of having these by-laws ratified by the Legislature. Hon. W. E. Raney suggested that the member ask the City Council to discuss the matter immediately and send down its opinion. The bill was held over on this understanding.

# NOT PROFLIGATE ON EXPERIMENTS

Only \$1,500 Set Aside by  
Drury Government for  
Aerial Survey

When it comes to a demonstration of the value of the airplane in Crown land exploration and survey, the Ontario Government is "from Missouri"—it must be shown. Certainly it will be entitled to the adjective "cautious" in its initial trial of the "birdman" for work in Northern Ontario. One little item marked "Aerial survey, \$1,500" in the supplementary estimates tells the story.

When the item was being passed yesterday Mr. Dewart pointed out that it was not a very large sum to give this lauded service a very elaborate trial. Premier Drury explained that it was a contract and an experiment. Fifteen hundred was the sum mentioned for survey work on one timber limit by airplane. If it was satisfactory more might be expected in the future. However, that one limit is the extent of airplane work in the North for this year, according to the estimates.