

# BILL AUTHORIZES HYDRO TO HAVE STEAM PLANTS

Hon. D. Carmichael Introduces Legislation to Permit of Move Now Contemplated by the Commission

In the event of the Hydro Power Commission deciding that a steam-power plant is necessary in Toronto, it will have the approval of the Legislature to proceed with such work, if the legislation introduced yesterday by Hon. D. Carmichael passes the House. Power is given in a clause to the act providing that the Hydro Commission can purchase or build plants for the development of electrical energy by the use of coal, oil or any other means.

Legislation was also introduced to make Hydro more easily secured by the farmer and the rural municipalities generally. This legislation gives the commission the power to supply such rural districts, as they are called, with electric energy direct without the municipal bodies required in supplying power to towns and cities. The commission may construct and operate all works necessary for the supplying of this power. The municipality, however, assumes the same responsibility as in projects in urban municipalities. The local

administrative machinery, however, is unnecessary. Whole townships or parts of two or more townships may combine to form one "rural district". The usual course is followed of first submitting a by-law to the people. The commission fixes yearly the proportion to be borne by the municipalities and also the rates which, as in other schemes, must be sufficient to provide annually the corporation's proportion of cost and capital cost, so as to provide in 30 years a sinking fund for the payment of the amount expended. In the case of default of payment of power rates, these may be handed to the township officials and collected in the same manner as taxes.

Another amendment gives power to the commission to get money to finish up works which the original estimate or original sum may not have been sufficient to complete. The commission may report such a matter to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, who may issue a warrant for the issue of the amount required in such fiscal year for the completion of the work required.

## DEWART RAPS LICENSE BOARD IN O.T.A. TALK

Amending Act Gets Its Second Reading in the Legislature

### CURRY HITS CHIEF

Liberal Leader Would Reduce Size of Board—Curry Defends Body

During the debate on the second reading of the act amending the Ontario Temperance Act, H. H. Dewart, Leader of the Liberals, made a warm attack in the Legislature last night on the Ontario License Board, giving notice that he would move for its reduction and a reduction of the cost when the matter came up in the estimates. Mr. Dewart clashed with another Liberal member, J. W. Curry (Southeast Toronto), who defended the board, and said that he proposed to say so whether it agreed with the opinions of others or not. Other Liberal members were not drawn into the argument regarding the board. Chairman J. D. Flavell and W. S. Dingman, one of the members of the board, were present in the House when Mr. Dewart made his attack.

Mr. Dewart spoke in the discussion in which Liberal members were endeavoring to get through an amendment lessening the power of Magistrates in O. T. A. offences. Mr. R. L. Brackin (West Kent) would have offenders given the right of election to trial by the County Judges, and moved an amendment to that effect. It was later with-

drawn.

"Why not give the power to Judges in whom this Province has confidence rather than to a board in whom this Province has not confidence?" asked Mr. Dewart. He would not relax in his effort to get the board reduced. It was the most partisan board that ever existed, he said. He attacked Mr. Dingman in connection with the prosecution of a doctor in Stratford who had been a Liberal candidate. It was only after much trouble that the conviction had been quashed. Mr. Dewart said, with the leave of the party of which he was Leader, that he would move for the reduction of the board.

#### Differs From His Leader.

J. W. Curry said he could not agree with the Liberal Leader. He had dealings with the board and always found them trying to do their duty. "I do not propose that any member of this House shall say to me how I shall express my views when they are contrary to his, whether he is Leader of the party to which I belong or not."

"I do not acquiesce in the encomiums of my honorable friend from Southeast Toronto," said Mr. Dewart.

In reply to Mr. Brackin's amendment, Hon. W. E. Raney thought that the County Judges were already overworked. Mr. Curry said that in Toronto the justice of the Police Courts was beyond reproach. Mr. Homuth wanted the right of appeal to the County Judge in O. T. A. cases.

Sam Clarke (West Northumberland) made a typical speech, declaring that the duty of a Magistrate seemed to be "to fine him" in most cases. Many Magistrates knew nothing of law—some of them knew nothing at all. He did not agree with Mr. Dewart on the License Board. It was a servant of the Government and must administer the laws as passed. Such a board could not be popular with the people.

Premier Drury said that the committee to investigate the O. T. A. after the session would consider the ideas expressed in the discussion on the amendment. Mr. Dewart did not like this attitude, and tried again to get another amendment, giving the right of appeal to the County Judge.

Hon. H. C. Nixon said they were dealing with organized gangs of law-breakers, and if they opened the gate there would be no end of appeals. The bill then got second reading without amendment.