

## M.P.P.'S WILL CARRY HOME TWO-SESSION BONUS, \$600

**This Amount to Cover the "Higher Cost of Living"—Three Hundred for Each Session**

When Ontario's hard-worked Legislators leave for their homes at the close of this session, each private member's purse will bulge—beyond the fullness of his sessional indemnity—with a tidy roll of \$600, his "high-cost-of-living bonus."

The Globe yesterday learned that this decision had been reached regarding what some Legislators humorously termed the "salary grab." Definite official confirmation was not forthcoming, but very good authority has it that the arrangement

arrived at allows a bonus of \$300, retroactive to cover the last session—or a total bonus of \$600.

This decision is in line with a forecast in The Globe early in the month of January, when it was stated that a bonus of five or six hundred dollars probably would be given. At the same time, it was stated that the proposed bonus would not be made the subject of debate, as was the case with the "round robin" of last session, but would be quietly arranged beforehand. The matter has been discussed informally, but there is little likelihood of any "scene" when the 2-year bonus is voted.

## WOULD BONUS EVERY BIRTH

**Labor M.P.P. Advises This  
Policy for Conservation  
of Race**

**"PRINCIPLE A GOOD ONE"**

Moving the second reading of his bill for the protection of women during confinement, J. McNamara, Riverdale, said yesterday in the Legislature he believed Governments might seriously consider the bonusing of every birth in Canada. The war, the member for Riverdale said, had given impetus to movements for the protection and conservation of the race, and he thought his bill might pave the way for beneficial legislation.

Hon. Walter Rollo expressed the opinion that the "principle behind the bill" was a good one, and he suggested that the measure be referred to the Labor Committee, where, he was sure, it would meet with full consideration.

"Begin at the other end," said R. R. Hall of Parry Sound. "Improve the working conditions of the husband and father so that he may give the mother of his children the best possible conditions under which to live."

"How?" asked Premier Drury. "Is such a thing within the realm of practical politics?"

"Yes, it is," replied the member for Parry Sound. "Help the father to better the state of his family by improving working conditions."

Premier Drury stated, briefly, that in most Canadian homes where the father was worthy of the name "Canadian" the utmost would be done for the protection of the mother. He had no fear in that respect, but, "in case there should be a grain of wheat in the bushel of chaff," he preferred that the bill be referred to the Labor Committee—whither it went.

## TO RECOGNIZE EFFICIENT MEN

**Merit Will be Sole Gauge in  
Reorganizing Provin-  
cial Police**

The Legislature made good use of yesterday afternoon's session to discuss and give second reading to a number of Government bills, outstanding among which was Attorney-General Raney's bill respecting the reorganization of the Ontario Provincial Police Force and providing a Provincial Commissioner of Police.

Mr. Dewart made a plea for fair treatment of the senior officers already on the Provincial Police Force in the matter of further appointments, naming several who, he said, stood at the head of their profession. He especially praised Inspectors John Miller and William Greer.

"I do desire to see," he said, "that those who are efficient officers in the present service should not be superseded." He further referred to the discrepancy in salary between two recent appointments and those of officers for many years connected with the service.

"When the special Inspectors were appointed," advised Attorney-General Raney, "there was in Ontario what might have been termed an emergency—a special situation. It was not deemed wise at that time to interfere with the police force, that is, with the men responsible for the criminal law enforcement. If this bill passes the Government will consider further appointments to office quite without restriction as to present appointees of the Government whose abilities will be recognized. Regarding the salary discrepancies referred to, he pointed out how difficult it was to get good men for O. T. A. enforcement.

## TAX POOLROOMS ON GRADED SCALE

**Government's Proposal Dif-  
fers From Original Bud-  
get Suggestion**

As approved in a resolution yesterday by the Legislature, the Provincial Treasurer's scheme to augment revenue by a tax on billiard and pool rooms and bowling alleys will differ from the form in which it appeared in the Budget.

The resolution provides for a graded tax, based on the population of the town or municipality in which the centre of amusement is located, whereas the Budget announced, or implied, a flat tax on the takings of the establishment.

According to the resolution passed by the House, the extension of the Amusement Tax Act to the three types of recreation named will be as follows:—

In cities of 50,000 or over, a tax not exceeding \$50 per annum on each table or alley; in other cities, a tax not exceeding \$30; in all other municipalities, a tax not exceeding \$20 per annum on each table or alley.

## Several Private Bills Succeed in Committee

Monday being private members day in the Legislature, several private bills were considered by the House in committee. Non-contentious matters were involved, and the following bills passed committee:

Bills respecting the cities of Windsor, Port Arthur and Fort William; the township of Stamford; the Sons of England Benefit Society; Beechwood Cemetery Company of Ottawa, and a bill providing for the establishment of a joint Industrial and Technical School Board for Windsor and Walkerville.