

COLD RECEPTION FOR CITY'S BILLS

Two Are, After Discussion,
Thrown Out by
Legislature

ONE IS "UNINTELLIGIBLE"

Two Toronto bills were thrown out in the Ontario legislature yesterday, one after considerable discussion and a calling for the "Ayes" and "Nays," and the other after brief comment on the fact that it was badly drawn up, and consequently unintelligible.

Jos. E. Thompson's bill to permit payment of \$400 per annum to School Trustees was the first one dealt with, and it went down under the almost solid opposition of the Farmer members.

A. C. Lewis' bill to permit Toronto to assess for income on the basis of actual earnings last year also went under when J. W. Curry called attention to the dangers attending the passage of a piece of legislation not too clearly defined in its effect.

Government supporters split all ways on the bill of J. E. Thompson, Northeast Toronto respecting payment of members of the Board of Education. Hon. W. E. Raney was its principal opponent; Hon. Harry Mills opposed it as a man interested in education; and H. H. Dewart, the Liberal leader was against it. Hon. R. H. Grant, Minister of Education, favored the measure, as did Hon. G. H. Ferguson.

A standing vote at the end of the discussion found the "nays" had a substantial majority.

MINISTER'S ROOM CHEAPLY FITTED

Indignant protest was voiced on the floor of the Ontario Legislature by Hon. Manning Doherty yesterday that during his absence overseas he should have been held up to public ridicule as an extravagant Minister, who insisted upon sumptuous furnishings for his Parliament Building apartment. Although the evidence on which newspaper reports were based was adduced before the Public Accounts Committee and taken verbatim, Hon. Mr. Doherty declared he was informed by his Deputy Minister that the itemized expenditures, as given, were incorrect.

For instance, said the Minister, two items, a mahogany chair and a mahogany rocking chair, costing, according to the reports, nearly \$400, were two articles of furniture "that never were in the room, and were never purchased by the Department of Public Works. These two articles, amounting to nearly \$400, if deducted from the furniture, would make the furnishings of that room one of the most inexpensive absolutely of any Minister's room in this Government or in the previous Government, or the Government previous to that."

Hon. G. S. Henry pointed out that the newspaper reports were strictly in accord with evidence given by Hon. Mr. Doherty's Deputy Minister, and were on record, possible of verification.