

AID TO MOTHERS TO BE EXTENDED

Amendments to Act Provide
for Deserted
Mothers

ALSO "PROBLEM CASES"

Important amendments to the Mothers' Allowances Act were introduced into the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Hon. Walter Rollo, Minister of Labor.

According to the Minister, the changes are proposed upon the recommendations of the Mothers' Allowances Board, and provide for assistance in cases at present outside the act, embracing, among other things, the principle of care of deserted mothers.

Summarized, the proposed amendments bring under the scope of the act the following:

The wife, with one child under 14 years of age, whose husband is totally incapacitated.

The mother with one child under 14 and one child over 14, which are incapacitated.

In the case of the death of the parents, the grandmother, sister or aunt, or guardian in care of the children.

A deserted mother, where the father has been absent for five years or more.

A mother whose husband is an inmate of an asylum anywhere in Canada. The act at present places limitation to asylums in Ontario.

Power is also given in the amendments to deal with "problem cases" not strictly within the terms of the act, and there is provision for reciprocal action between Province having similar measures in effect.

Intimation was given by the Minister that the age limit of children coming under the terms of the act might be raised from 14 to 16, in conformity with the Adolescence School Attendance Act. This phase Hon. Mr. Rollo said, could be discussed in committee.

BILL TO AUTHORIZE POWER PURCHASE

Government Brings in Measure to Approve City's Big Undertaking

Legislation to approve the purchase of the Mackenzie power interests by the city of Toronto was introduced into the Legislature yesterday by Hon. D. Carmichael. Although essentially a private measure, it is brought into the House under the auspices of the Government, owing to the lateness of the session and the importance of the proposals contained therein. It is entitled "An Act Respecting the Purchase by the City of Toronto of the Assets of Certain Companies." In it authority is given to take over the Toronto Niagara Power Company, the Toronto Electric Light Company and the Metropolitan division of the Toronto & York Radial, and also authorizes the issue of the necessary debentures to finance the deal.

Estimates for Hydro Passed by Legislature

Before adjournment shortly after 12 o'clock last night the Ontario Legislature passed all of the Hydro estimates, with the exception of a \$21,000,000 item for Chippawa power development. This was held over for further consideration.

\$5,000 PER YEAR FOR CONTROLLER

Municipal Committee of Legislature Approves Bill to Allow This

IF ELECTORATE AGREES

The Municipal Committee of the Ontario Legislature yesterday approved a bill, introduced by Major Gray (Leeds), which provides that, with the assent of the electors, members of the Toronto Board of Control may be paid a sum not exceeding \$5,000 per annum. Their present stipend is \$2,500.

Ald. Burgess spoke in favor of the measure and not one member opposed the bill.

The committee, by a big majority, declined to reopen Mr. McNamara's bill to exempt brick and tile manufacturers from the provisions of the smoke prevention by-law. Hon. Geo. Henry's bill to subject to township taxation the Toronto Jail farm lands was defeated.

Mothers' Pensions Board Comes in for Criticism

R. R. Hall, Liberal member for Parry Sound, declared in the Ontario Legislature yesterday that "there is a screw loose somewhere" in the administration of the Mothers' Allowances Act, and he demanded that it "be tightened." Mr. Hall thought that some of the members possibly had too many irons in the fire, and consequently could not devote the attention they should to the affairs of the board. He read a complaint from a Cobalt woman who had been unable, after four months, to secure consideration of her case.

Legislation to Permit Searching Boats for Liquor

Attorney-General Raney introduced into the Legislature yesterday his amendment to the O.T.A. which will permit police officials to search boats for liquor. He explained that it had been thought that this power was given under the old act.