

Premier Drury Suggests De- ferring Contest in South- east Toronto

Premier Drury told the Legislature yesterday that it had been the practice not to hold by-elections during the session of the House, and he thought it would be setting a bad precedent, therefore, to hold a by-election for Southeast Toronto during his session.

His explanation followed a question put to him by Joseph McNamara, Riverdale, who wanted to know if the statement made at a meeting of the Board of Control of Toronto, that there would be no by-election during the session, was true.

Mr. Drury said it was a physical impossibility to have the election held before the House met, and he had found it to be the established practice to avoid by-elections during sessions. If, however, a member drew the attention of the Speaker to the fact that there was a vacancy, and the Speaker issued a warrant, then the Government would discuss with members of the Oppositions the advisability of holding a contest.

"I think holding a by-election during the session is a bad precedent to introduce," he said. If any member wished to follow the course of notifying the Speaker, as prescribed by statute and usage, the Government would not stand in his way.

Public Service Charges

In answer to a question by H. H. Dewart, K.C., Southwest Toronto, Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney-General, stated to the House yesterday that it was the intention of the Government to bring in legislation covering some of the recommendations of the Public Service Commission.

Hon. Mr. Rollo told Mr. Dewart that the proposal to increase the number of members on the Workmen's Compensation Board was under consideration.