

ABOLISH PRIVY COUNCIL APPEAL

Purpose of Bill Introduced in Legislature by Attorney- General

An act to repeal the Privy Council Appeals Act was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney-General, and passed first reading. Mr. Raney explained to the House that the scope of the act was precisely indicated in the title—it was to repeal the present act. It would remove all legislative authority for appeal from this Province to the Privy Council. Technically there would remain the prerogative right of appeal and the right to appeal to the Supreme Court at Ottawa.

The new act, if passed, will not abolish altogether appeals to the Privy Council, but will make it necessary for all appeals from Ontario courts to go to the Supreme Court at Ottawa before the litigants can apply for leave to appeal to the Privy Council. At the present time appellants in Ontario can pass by the Supreme Court at Ottawa and go direct to the Privy Council.

The abolition of appeals altogether to the Privy Council can be brought about only by legislation enacted by the Dominion Parliament.

MANY INSURANCE BILLS IN HOUSE

Six Measures Are Introduced in Legislature by At- torney-General

Attorney-General Raney yesterday introduced into the Legislature six bills on insurance matters, which will embody the recommendations of the Select Committee on Insurance, which made its report yesterday.

Of these bills, the first, respecting automobile insurance, prescribed statutory conditions for these policies similar to those already provided for fire insurance policies. The one respecting accident and sickness insurance was along the lines already agreed upon by the associated superintendents of insurance, while the bill respecting reciprocal or interinsurance recommended and provided for the organization and licensing of a form of mutual insurance. The bill respecting insurance agents, brokers, and adjusters embodied the recommendations made some time ago in the report of Mr. Justice Masten, as did also the bill respecting insurance rating bureaus.

The sixth bill, to amend the Ontario Insurance Act, contained general amendments relating to old-age insurance by fraternal societies, general penalties, underwriters' agencies, valuation of life insurance contracts, records of fire insurance premiums and losses, holding of real estate by insurance companies and fire insurance companies as collateral security in mortgages.

Mr. Raney said that the six bills were introduced in the way they were because each dealt with a separate subject, and it was best, perhaps, to have them all self-contained. If all were enacted, it was the intent to incorporate them in one bill.