

# LIVELY TIME AHEAD FOR HOMUTH'S BILL

## Proposal to Stop Plural Voting on Money By- laws Opposed

The bill introduced into the Legislature by Karl Homuth, North Waterloo, to amend the Municipal Act so that property-owners living in cities have only one vote on money by-laws, passed second reading in the Legislature yesterday, but enough opposition developed to indicate that it will meet with lively criticism in committee.

Mr. Homuth said he introduced the bill to do away with an inequitable state of affairs under the present system. At present a person owning property of low value in different wards had a vote in every ward in which he had property. Another person owning a large amount of property in one ward had but one vote. This act would put all property-owners on the same basis.

Mr. Wellington Hay, Acting Liberal Leader, supported Mr. Crawford and thought it would be unfair if large holdings by men distributed in different wards should be unrepresented when it came to the question of saying what burdens were to be placed upon them.

J. Walter Curry asked the mover if it would not be a good idea to allow a man to vote on money by-laws according to the assessed value of his property, and to have a unit of voting according to values? Hon. Mr. Raney favored the bill going to committee. The bill was carried.

## Has Proposal to Amend Private Detectives Act

Hon. W. E. Raney introduced into the Legislature yesterday a bill respecting Magistrates. The intent of the amendment is to consolidate and revise the statutes with some minor changes.

Hon. Peter Smith introduced a bill to amend the Land Transfer Tax Act. The change will allow the affidavit of value to be made by the vendor or the purchaser or the agent of either, instead of only by the purchaser, as is the case at present. Mr. Smith also introduced a bill to amend the Private Detectives Act. By this amendment the amount of the bonds of fidelity will be raised from \$2,000 to \$3,000. detective firms will not be permitted to act as collecting agencies, and the names of all employees of private detective firms must be furnished to the Provincial Police.

Robert Cooper, Welland, introduced a bill giving the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board the power to fix rates for urban electric railways in the same manner as it does now for suburban electric lines.