

TUESDAY, MARCH 21.

INSURANCE ACT MEETS CRITICS

Measure to Establish Recip-
rocals Opposed Because
No Deposit Required

DEBATE IN COMMITTEE

Considerable opposition developed in Committee of the Whole House in the Legislature yesterday to Hon. W. E. Raney's bill respecting reciprocal and inter-insurance. W. F. Nickle (Kingston), J. E. Thompson (North-east Toronto) and J. C. Ramsden (Southwest Toronto) were outspoken in their opposition. The principal objection voiced was that no deposit was required to be made with the Government by associations carrying on this kind of insurance.

During the debate Hon. Mr. Raney said that there was no truth in the report that, if certain opposition to the bill before the House was dropped, one of the other insurance bills would be withdrawn. Mr. Ramsden said that very few members had not been lobbied in favor of the reciprocal bill. R. M. Warren (North Renfrew) said he had not been lobbied. "You're lucky," said Mr. Ramsden. "I'll have the gentleman in the gallery see you later."

Mr. Nickle said he stood four-square against the legislation unless the Attorney-General demanded a deposit. These reciprocals, he said, made deposits with the Dominion Government, and could not get a license until the deposits were made. Ontario was opening the door by not requiring a deposit. Answering a question, Mr. Nickle said it was a very nice question as to whether the Province had a right to issue licenses to reciprocals.

Edgar Watson (North Victoria) supported the bill, and R. R. Hall (Parry Sound) asked who wanted the bill. Mr. Raney replied that representations had been made by the strongest manufacturing and industrial institutions in Ontario for the enactment of this legislation, especially the lumber companies.

The bill was not disposed of when house rose.

WILL REGULATE BUS SCHEDULES

Mr. Biggs Introduces Bill in
Legislature—Ruling Given
on Curry Measure

"BLUE SKY" LEGISLATION

Hon. F. C. Biggs introduced a bill in the Legislature yesterday for regulation of motor busses on the Provincial highways. At the present time, he explained, many highways have numerous busses in operation, yet real service to the people is not given. One bus man will announce a schedule and a competing bus will run a few minutes ahead and gather up the passengers. As a consequence there was no certain schedule. It would be a benefit to the Province to have regular schedules established and controlled within reason; the control "within reason" being especially emphasized by Mr. Biggs. The bill would regulate the capacity and sanitary condition of busses, and proper exits and entrances.

Joseph McNamara, Riverdale, introduced a bill providing for one day's rest in seven. He explained it was a bill similar to one introduced by him a year ago, and applied to certain workers in the hotel business, such as cooks and waitresses.

Curry's Bill Out of Order.

Hon. Nelson Parliament, Speaker, made two rulings regarding J. W. Curry's bill to provide a Provincial Board of Alienists. First, he held Mr. Curry could not have his bill withdrawn without the unanimous consent of the House. Secondly, he held the bill could not be introduced by a private member. Mr. Curry then moved to have his bill withdrawn "with the unanimous consent of the House." Mr. Ferguson observed the Speaker had ruled he had no right to the bill. So nothing further was done.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson cited a number of documents for which, he said, returns had been ordered in April, 1921, and they had not come down yet. This delay might result in an embarrassing position for the Government, he said, and might cause a delay no member desired in the closing sessions of the House. Premier Drury said that he would look into the matter of bringing down the returns sought.

Mr. Ferguson said he had heard a rumor that the Timber Commission was almost ready to report. "I haven't heard," said Mr. Raney.

"Blue Sky" Laws.

Attorney-General Raney tabled the report of Mr. O'Brien on "blue sky" legislation. Mr. Raney said that the bill to be drafted by the Government was not altogether along the lines of legislation in the United States. It would not affect prejudicially the mining industry.

Second readings were given to W. T. Black's bill giving certain expropriation powers to counties when widening county Provincial roads, and to S. S. Staples' bill providing where a man in one municipality owns property in an adjoining municipality, by application he may have his right to vote in the second municipality transferred to the nearest polling booth in that municipality adjoining his home.