

Almost Had Debate On Length of Skirts

While addressing the Legislature yesterday afternoon on the bill to provide free textbooks in schools, Charles Swayze, member for Niagara Falls, came close to plunging the honorable members into a maelstrom more turbulent than his native "Whirlpool."

He suggested, in passing, that some bill might be passed compelling young ladies attending high schools to wear dresses of not more than a certain value. Mr. Swayze did not elaborate on this dangerous theme, for another member issued a clarification call of warning when he cried out:

"What about the length?"

"I say nothing of the length," said Mr. Swayze. He then dropped the dangerous subject, and Government members, who had experienced enough trouble from the Opposition for one day, breathed deeply once more.

WILL PROSECUTE TWO FISHERMEN

Hon. H. Mills States Policy on Port Stanley Situation

Hon. Harry Mills told the Legislature yesterday it was not the intention of his department to press charges against fishermen at Port Stanley who placed nets out after March 15 of this year, but charges would be pressed against two fishermen who are said to have placed out their nets on March 15. The Minister emphasized the ruling of the department that the fishermen must be in possession of fishing licenses before they placed the nets.

The plight of the fishermen was brought to the attention of the House by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, who said he understood from a Press despatch the men were to be prosecuted because they went fishing before their licenses arrived, though the money for them had been sent in to the department long before.

R. L. Brackin, West Kent, supplemented this information by saying that the money had been sent in on March 14 and acknowledgment received by the fishermen, from the department on March 16. They started to fish on March 16, and licenses arrived on the 17th or 18th. Mr. Mills then made his statement.

Referred in Speech To "Red Flag" Man

Edgar Watson, North Victoria, explaining to the Legislature yesterday his now famous speech relative to the respective merits of Farmer and Labor man in Government, said that the laboring man he had in mind was the "red flag" type.

Mr. Watson read from a report of his speech the sentence which was the subject of comment at Friday's sitting. "If the clause 'who is willing to experiment with society' is used to qualify the Labor man referred to, then I think the statement can stand," he said. It was better for the Farmer to govern than the radical Labor man. He thought that everyone in the House recognized he was heartily in sympathy with all reasonable and legitimate demands of Labor.

"You mean the man with the red flag?" asked J. W. Curry.

"Yes, that's what I mean," said Mr. Watson.