

HALCROW

Denounces Methods of the License Department in Releasing Inspector

BRACKIN PROPOSES BILL

R. L. Brackin, West Kent, yesterday introduced a bill in the Legislature amending the Motor Vehicles Act so that a spotlight may be used on automobiles. The spotlight would have to meet the requirements of the anti-glare regulations, and Mr. Brackin read a letter from the Ontario Motor League approving of its use. The bill was given first reading.

Hon. W. E. Raney told G. G. Halcrow, East Hamilton, that appointments of license inspectors had to be approved by the Commissioner. Mr. Halcrow moved the adjournment of the House to discuss the removal of a former inspector at Hamilton. He said the ways and means the department took to dispense with the services of an old and efficient official appeared to him as one of the meanest acts that department "ever put over." He said that a successor, named Mr. Jordan, had been sent for and told to report on a certain date, that he had resigned his former position, and then had been told the Government did not want him at all. Mr. Raney replied that Mr. Jordan was now in training. Mr. Halcrow said his (Halcrow's) recommendation was absolutely ignored as to the appointment of a new man, and he believed the recommendation of the Minister of Labor had been ignored also.

CHIPPAWA SALARIES TO BE LOOKED INTO

Documents in Connection With \$65,000 Account to Be Produced

Yesterday morning at the first meeting of the year of the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature a resolution was passed, which was put by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Conservative Leader, for the production of all documents and correspondence between the Hydro-electric Power Commission and members of the Government concerning Chippawa expenditure, and in particular regarding an item of \$65,000 set down as salaries for construction account.

The motion named F. A. Gaby to produce these documents. Objection was raised by the Attorney-General that Mr. Gaby was not the proper person to bring them before the committee. The motion thereupon was amended to permit either Mr. Gaby or the Secretary of the commission to produce them.

These documents will be produced at the meeting of the committee Friday morning, but nothing else will be done at that meeting. This understanding was arrived at yesterday. Edgar Watson, U.F.O. member for North Victoria, was selected as Chairman of the committee.

Minister Gives Details On Financial Matters

Hon. Howard Ferguson's questions on the order paper relative to payments made during the past fiscal year were answered yesterday in the Legislature by Hon. Peter Smith. The questions and answers were:

"On what date was the last payment for the fiscal year 1920-21 made on account of: (a) capital expenditure, (b) ordinary expenditure?" The answer was, for each, October 31, 1921.

The second question was: "What was the total amount paid out by the Treasury Department between the close of its accounts between the fiscal year, 1920-21 and November 15, 1921?" The answer was, \$14,227,344.28.

The third question was: "What was the date of the actual receipt by the Treasury Department of the last moneys received and credited to the revenue for the fiscal year 1920-21?" The answer to this was December 8, 1921.

Replies to Arguments Of Hunters Using Dogs

Sam Harris, representing the Ontario Sportsmen's Game and Fish Protective Association, appeared yesterday before the Fish and Game Committee of the Legislature to reply to arguments of deer hunters favoring the use of dogs, resented at the former meeting of the committee. Mr. Harris produced statistics from many States in the country to the south, to show that the prohibition of dogs in deer-hunting stopped the wholesale destruction of the deer. He also asked for legislation making it lawful for hunters to shoot bucks only when the Government declared an open season for either sex.