

BILL TO AUTHORIZE U. C. COLLEGE LOAN

Money to Be Used for Science Wing and "Prep" School Addition

Hon. F. C. Biggs introduced a bill into the Legislature yesterday to give townships the same right as counties in appealing to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board as to costs in removing telegraph poles, etc., and obstructions from high-ways.

Consideration of the bill to appoint a commission to look after Presq'ile was referred. Objection was taken on the ground that the bill gave too wide powers to the commission—more than any powers now held by municipalities. As the member for the riding was not present, the bill was held over.

Second reading was given to the bill to permit Upper Canada College to make a loan of \$100,000. The money is needed, the Minister of Education explained, to build an addition to the Preparatory School and a science wing to the main building. The Province will not be liable in any way.

Late in the afternoon the House took up, in committee, consideration of Hon. W. E. Raney's bill regarding the appointment of probation officers. H. H. Dewart, K.C., said he was opposed to bringing up a bill of that importance on a Friday afternoon when few members were in their seats. He was arguing on this line when someone discovered there was not a quorum, so he adjourned the debate. The House then adjourned.

Attorney-General Announces Lewis Charges Will Be Investigated

Attorney-General Raney announced in the Legislature yesterday the Government appointment of John A. Macintosh, K.C., as a commissioner to investigate the charges of Alex. C. Lewis, Northeast Toronto, concerning departmental laxity in investigating the death of Captain Orville Huston at Fort Frances. Mr. Raney's reference to the Lewis allegations was "the charges, or, perhaps I should say, insinuations, preferred by the honorable member."

In announcing at the same time the decision of the Government to retain counsel to represent Mr. Lewis at the inquiry, the Attorney-General indicated the intention of the Government to hold the member strictly accountable for what he had said. The costs of Mr. Lewis' counsel are to be borne by the Government. The commission will exhaust the evidence in Toronto, and then adjourn to Fort Frances to hear all the facts that can be secured on the scene of the tragedy.

REPORT SHOWS OFFICERS VENAL, SAYS HAMMOND

Startling Evidence of O.T.A. Enforcement Uncovered by T. H. Lennox

OPERATOR'S RECORD BAD

True to his promise made on the floor of the Legislature, T. Herbert Lennox, K.C., Conservative member for North York, brought up before the Public Accounts Committee yesterday further matters relating to Ontario Temperance Act enforcement in general, and the case of H. H. McCutcheon in particular.

For two hours he subjected Provincial Inspector W. D. L. Hammond to cross-examination in respect to the McCutcheon case, and brought out an admission that McCutcheon's record was known to the department when he was in its employ.

Knew of His Conviction.

Mr. Lennox asked the Inspector if he knew when he hired McCutcheon that he had been in trouble in Guelph, and the Inspector admitted that he had known. "He told me," he said, "he had been arrested in Guelph, charged with an assault on some young women, and he told me he was convicted."

"Why did you not use McCutcheon in court?" asked Mr. Lennox after Mr. Hammond had told of the arrangement to utilize his services only to secure evidence against the bootleggers. "We didn't think his conviction in Guelph would help us any," answered the Inspector.

After the Guelph affair, said witness, Chairman Flavelle expressed the opinion that McCutcheon had been badly treated.

Evidence was taken of how McCutcheon had left the employ of the department to drive a car for a man named Slavin, and of his subsequently becoming involved in a case in which charges were laid against Slavin and Morris Gross. McCutcheon was convicted afterward of conspiracy in connection with an alleged attempt to bribe the Crown operators in that case.

Was Twice Convicted.

"He was taken back during the time he was on bail charged with

conspiring to defeat the ends of justice?" asked Mr. Lennox.

"Yes, sir," answered the Inspector.

During the time he was in the Government employ, said the Inspector, he was arrested for assisting in the operation of an illicit still and was convicted.

McCutcheon was taken on again under instructions from the Commissioner of Police, according to Mr. Hammond, because he could give information concerning certain officers and operators of the department who were suspected of corrupt dealings.

Asked who the officials were, Mr. Hammond said Courrian was one of them. He was unable to offer explanation for payments which, according to the accounts, were made to McCutcheon after he left the department in April.

Not Working, But Was Paid.

"Did McCutcheon perform one minute's work for the Province from the time he left on April 18 until he was taken back by you at Gen. Elliott's request?" A.—No, I don't think so.

"Then why was he paid the money of this Province?" A.—I don't know; I can't remember that at all.

Asked "What other officials did you suspect?" witness made the startling answer, "I also suspected Chief Inspector Ayearst."