

"Who else?" he was asked, but objection came from Mr. Curry and other committee members, and Mr. Lennox did not press the point. Inspector Hammond could not say why various men, concerning whom he had reported, had been retained in the department. An inquiry concerning Courrian and others was carried on by McCutcheon over an extended period and the department kept posted. Finally a report was presented to the department.

Report Showed Corruption.

"Did that report disclose any corruption on the part of these men?" asked Mr. Lennox. A.—Yes, I think it did.

"Was any action ever taken on these reports?" A.—No, sir.

"Were these men who were implicated as a result of these reports still kept in the employ of the Government?" A.—I only know of two who have gone—Courrian and Cross.

"Then no one was discharged from June to October, although these reports were going in almost daily?" A.—Not to my knowledge.

Mr. Lennox also dealt with the ownership and manner of acquisition of a certain motor car utilized by McCutcheon in the performance of his duties. Mr. Hammond stated that McCutcheon was to have been given a motor car for his services. A payment was made on the car for him and the expense accounts contained various amounts for "car hire." Mr. Hammond's explanation was that the arrangement was for McCutcheon to spread the \$230 over the accounts in this way. For four months' operations, it seemed, McCutcheon received \$1,125 and the car.

At the end of the hearing Mr. Lennox brought out an odd item in the accounts, "Paid bribe to Fred Lefevre, \$10," which, it appeared, was paid to a Provincial police constable at North Bay by an operator to prevent his arrest on a charge of carrying a weapon. The department had laid a charge in the matter.

TUESDAY, MAY 2,

UNITE AGAINST POOLROOM BILL

Municipal Consent Must Precede Issuance of Provincial License

Members on all sides of the Legislature—Liberal, Conservative and U.F.O.—found themselves in accord yesterday in opposing one of the Provincial Treasurer's amendments to the act respecting operation of pool and billiard rooms and bowling alleys. Objection was taken in committee to the authority it was proposed to vest in the department in the granting of poolroom licenses, irrespective of the desires of municipalities except where prohibition is expressed by by-law. Finally, Hon. Mr. Smith adopted the suggestion that the issuance of Provincial license be subject to the approval of the municipality in which the licensee proposes to do business.

Upon a previous appearance, objection was taken to the measure on the grounds that it interfered with municipal rights, and the Provincial Treasurer amended it to make clear that if at any time after the Province issued a license to a poolroom or bowling alley, a Municipal Council passed a prohibitory by-law, the Provincial license would be withdrawn. The concession, however, did not, in the opinion of numerous members, go far enough in the direction of giving the municipalities control.

Hon. G. H. Ferguson raised the question of whether licenses should be issued by the Provincial Treasurer, even where there was no prohibitory by-law. Hon. Thos. Crawford pressed the point, as did R. R. Hall, F. Wellington Hay, Liberal Leader, who held out strongly for recognition of municipal desires, and by J. G. Lethbridge, U.F.O. member for West Middlesex, and H. K. Denyes, U.F.O. member for Hastings.

J. W. Curry, K.C. (Southeast Toronto), first undertook to move an amendment providing for the approving right of the municipality, but Hon. Thos. Crawford smothered it by pointing out that the matter affected revenue and could not be dealt with by motion of private member. Hon. Mr. Smith finally adopted the "suggestion," and the bill, with its amendments, was finally sent back for redraft to include the proposed alterations.

TAYLOR'S BILL EYED ASKANCE

North Grey Man Seeks to Keep Highway Entrances Unblocked

AMEND FT. WILLIAM BILL

It required a great deal of explaining, even on the part of the Minister of Highways, before D. J. Taylor, U.F.O. member for North Grey, consented yesterday in the Legislature to allow his bill, providing for an amendment to the Highway Improvement Act, to stand over for further consideration. Finally, when it was pointed out that the measure would still be on the order paper, Mr. Taylor consented.

The bill provides that where, by reason of the laying out, construction or improvement of any road under the provisions of the act, the means of access to and egress from the lands of any person is taken away, or is interfered with, it shall be the duty of the corporation of the county, as part of the cost of laying out, construction or improvement of such road, to construct and lay out a suitable means of access to and egress from such land in place of the one, either natural or artificial, so interfered with or taken away.

Biggs Is Afraid of It.

Hon. F. C. Biggs, Minister of Highways, objected to the bill as being possibly too drastic. If it passed as it stood, he said, it might make the county pay for all such entrances, and he thought that the county even would be liable for all damages arising out of such entrances. "I think this bill should have very careful consideration, and, perhaps, some amendment," said Mr. Biggs.

Some objection was taken also from Opposition benches to the bill, and the suggestion was made that amendments of this nature might come in the bill being introduced by the Minister himself.

Hon. H. C. Nixon, Provincial Secretary, raised the legality of the measure, as it might mean spending money out of the funds of the consolidated revenues. Eventually Mr. Biggs suggested that the bill stand and he would discuss it with Mr. Taylor and try and arrive at some agreement. Mr. Taylor said he did not feel like doing this unless he received assurances that something would be done. Finally he consented to the bill standing over when it was explained to him by the Minister that it would still be on the order paper.