

New Bill Sets Maximum for Crown Attorneys, Clerks and Bailiffs

PROVINCE TAKES PART

An act introduced into the Legislature yesterday by Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney-General, provides that every Clerk of the Peace and every Crown Attorney, whether he is or is not a Clerk of the Peace, will be entitled to retain to his own use in each year his net income up to \$2,500, but will have to pay to the Province 50 per cent. of the excess over that sum. The bill will not affect Crown Attorneys now on straight salary, at Toronto, Hamilton and Windsor.

It is also enacted that every Division Court Clerk will be entitled to retain to his own use in each year all the fees and emoluments earned by him in that year up to \$2,000. On moneys earned over that amount and up to \$3,500 he is to pay to the Province 20 per cent. on the excess over \$3,500, and up to \$6,000, 30 per cent.; on the excess over \$6,000 and up to \$10,000, 40 per cent.; on the excess over \$10,000, 75 per cent.

Bailiffs' Fees Affected.

Every Division Court Bailiff is entitled to retain to his own use in each year all the fees and emoluments earned by him in that year up to \$4,000. On the excess over \$4,000 and up to \$10,000 he is to pay to the Province 20 per cent.; on the excess over \$10,000, 40 per cent. The provisions of the act come into effect January 1, 1922. In addition Crown Attorneys are to receive \$50 a quarter for services not paid for in the past.

The Attorney-General, in answering a question, said his department had no definite policy at the present time regarding placing Crown Attorneys on salary, except the general view that a salary basis was the better basis. Under the bill of last year Clerks of the Peace were getting too much money; this act would remedy that.

Help Telephone Companies.

Dr. H. A. Stevenson (London), before the orders of the day were called, suggested that the Government might devise a scheme to aid financially telephone companies whose wires and poles were down as the result of winter storms. It would be impossible otherwise for many of them to get on their feet again, he said. No action was taken.

Charles Swayze (Niagara Falls), referring to the granting of the contract of the new intake at Niagara to Winnipeg contractors, and to the wage scale which would prevail for the work, suggested that in contracts where Government moneys were to be expended, a fair wage clause should be inserted so that the men would get a living wage. No action was taken on this suggestion either.

RADIAL BILL

Toronto members of the Legislature met the Board of Control yesterday in the Public Accounts room at the Parliament Buildings and discussed the proposed Hydro-radial Bill. The result was that the Toronto members decided to ask, when the bill came before the House, for a committee of the House to deal with the measure.

Mayor Maguire told the members that the bill was a direct injury to the city and its projects. No municipality had asked for the new bill, he said. What they wanted was the Hydro Act of 1914. Asked by J. C. Ramsden if the new bill would affect the situation in North Toronto, the Mayor replied that it would kill the whole radial scheme. They could not expect Toronto to buy up all the radial lines in the country. The Radial Bill would have a tendency to destroy the clean-up.

Hon. Thomas Crawford suggested that they press for a committee of the House to consider the bill, and this was agreed to, J. W. Curry alone dissenting.

NOT INTENTION TO HAVE PROBE ON UNIVERSITY

So Hon. R. H. Grant Tells
Hon. G. H. Ferguson in
Legislature

AMEND UNIVERSITY ACT

Hon. R. H. Grant, Minister of Education, introduced into the Legislature yesterday a bill amending the University Act of 1906. The act provides for minor changes in the internal affairs of the University, and has nothing to do with the recent agitation on University matters, so Mr. Grant said afterward.

The Minister of Education read a statement to the House concerning the bill. He said the bill was introduced at the request of the University authorities. "It is put forward as an uncontentious measure amending certain portions of the act which deal with the administration of the University. Some of the changes herein indicated are already being followed, and statutory authority for them is asked. Such matters as representation in the Senate, the control of certain portions of the University lands formerly held by the Residence Trustees, etc., are of importance, but of minor importance."

Will Print Amendments.

Mr. Grant said that when the bill was printed it would show the clauses as it is proposed to amend them. When the bill came up for second reading, he said, an explanation would be given showing how the present clauses of the act would be affected by the amendments.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson asked the Minister if he had in mind the appointment of a Royal Commission on the affairs of the University of Toronto, as had been hinted in the Press. The Minister said that he had not the appointment of such a commission in mind.

Col. Dougall Carmichael, Minister without portfolio, introduced a bill to permit the Soldiers' Aid Commission to administer a bequest in the will of Kathleen Hammond made in favor of war widows.

Friction Developed.

The bequest left by Mrs. Hammond, herself a war widow, has been the subject of legal controversy in the Ontario courts. Some friction developed between the Soldiers' Aid and other veteran and war-born organizations as to which association was more entitled to have control of the money. The opposition to the commission's legal claim to the money was successful in showing the courts that the latter body's charter did permit of it having control of such a bequest. Hon. Mr. Carmichael's bill is intended to empower the commission to handle this fund.

MEMBERS DISCUSS MINOR MEASURES

Bill and Amendments There-
to Take Up Time of
Legislature

The private bill respecting the city of St. Catharines, which sets the time of municipal nominations and elections as late in November and early in December, respectively, was held over for further consideration after a long debate yesterday in the