

Kenora Member Objects to Ontario Not Being Represented at International Waterways Conference — Premier Promises Province Will Ask for Place at Deliberations

LAKE OF WOODS BILL AGAIN UNDER FIRE

Representation for Ontario in the international treaty negotiations between Canada and the United States will be asked for by Premier Drury, according to promise made in the Legislature last evening during the continuation of the address of Peter Heenan, Labor member for Kenora, who vigorously opposed the Premier's bill to establish a joint control board to regulate the waters.

Opposes Joint Control.

Mr. Heenan resumed his address at 10 o'clock in the evening, after having on a previous occasion consumed an hour and a half setting forth the arguments of Kenora district against the proposed agreement arrangements. He contended that there should not be contemplated a system of joint control of the Lake of the Woods, English River and other waters, but that Ontario's engineers should regulate Ontario's waters without outside interference.

H. H. Dewart moved adjournment of the debate.

Another important concession secured by Mr. Heenan from the Premier was that Pelican Falls would be safeguarded for Sioux Lookout.

Bad, But Honest, Mistake.

Resuming his address on the Premier's Lake of the Woods Control Bill, Peter Heenan, Labor member for Kenora, said he had too much respect for Premier Drury to impute anything but honesty of purpose to him in the interprovincial agreement which he now sought to have ratified. His contention was that the agreement, while a bad mistake on Ontario's part, was, nevertheless, an honest mistake.

"The agreement," he said, "could not be anything else but one-sided. Manitoba's interests only were heard, and their interests only considered. How could it, in the face of that fact, be any other way? In fact, that agreement having been reached, makes it much harder now for Kenora district to have its view-point considered."

Proceeding, the member for Kenora said that the people of his district had no desire to make a political issue of the question, although it was a vital one to the northwestern section of the Province, but they intended to make their views known and to rely upon protection from an informed Province.

A square deal for Kenora, he declared, was a square deal for Ontario, and that was all Kenora district desired. Manitoba, however, in his opinion, asked more than a square deal.

Mr. Heenan declared that Ontario was paying too high a price for the desired harmony and co-operation with the sister Province. He urged arrangements for a further conference in which all interests could be

heard. It should be an easy matter, he declared, to get together and arrange for future storage and regulation on both the English and Winnipeg Rivers.

"Why is not Ontario represented in the framing of the treaty between Canada and the United States," he asked the Premier. "Both Minnesota and Manitoba are consulted. Ontario is vitally interested and should be represented, or at least consulted."

Mr. Heenan declared he knew the proposed agreement was not a good business arrangement. Even the Manitoba interests admitted that, when working to the maximum, the present method was preferable.

In regard to a Montreal newspaper article declaring Premier Drury to have been made the tool of the Manitoba interests, Mr. Heenan declared he had never said anything that could be interpreted to mean any such thing. He did object, however, to the Premier going to the proposed length to please the people of Manitoba.

After a technical explanation of the storage and water flow proposals, Mr. Heenan said that arrangements could be made for settlement as to how much storage was required for the present and for the future, and the cost apportioned to those who benefited, including the Manitoba power interests.

He reiterated his contention that the international treaty should be signed first and Ontario represented at the treaty negotiations.

GIVE THIRD READING TO 21 NEW BILLS

Many Measures Are Rushed Through Final Stage in Legislature

Third reading was given in the Legislature yesterday afternoon to no fewer than 21 bills. Included among them were bills to incorporate the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, and Mr. Oke's bill to remove from inspection regulations steam boilers of 25 horse-power and under, used for agricultural and horticultural purposes.

As was anticipated, the Premier announced for the week morning, afternoon and evening sessions, in an effort to wind up the session by the week-end.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson expressed anxiety in the last week's rush over a list of motions and questions still standing, but the Premier assured him they would be dealt with.