

the Book." The motion to give the bill second reading was put, and the Speaker declared it carried, the yeas being much louder than the nays. Hon. George Henry demanded a standing vote. Twenty-five members, led by Hon. Mr. Raney, voted for the bill, and thirty-two members voted with the Premier. The bill, after a brief history of contradictions in the House, was killed.

#### About Long Speeches.

If the members follow the examples already set one of them is sure to smash-all speech-making records. This seems to be a session of long speeches. As yet no person has beaten the five-hour effort of T. H. Lennox last session, but a few orators have come near it. Some of the long-distance efforts of late are: Hon. Manning Doherty, four and three-quarter hours; Hon. W. E. Raney, three hours; Hon. Peter Smith, three hours; R. M. Warren, two and three-quarter hours; W. H. Price, four hours. Last night J. C. Brown (U.F.O., North Middlesex), during his contribution to the Budget debate, had a criticism for lengthy speeches. "I have often wished they would run out of gas and sit down," confessed Mr. Brown. He himself had been speaking three-quarters of an hour then, but cries of "Go on" when he threatened to stop encouraged him to the extent of fifteen minutes more. Mr. Brown said a word on Hydro which may be taken as another view of rural Ontario on this subject. After acknowledging himself a Hydro man, Mr. Brown added that the only criticism he had was "how little of Hydro was handed to the people of the rural parts." He declared for equal privileges in Hydro development in all parts of the Province.

R. R. Hall (Liberal, Parry Sound), who was prevented during the afternoon from speaking on St. Lawrence power development, had his revenge at the evening session, when he spoke in the Budget debate, following Mr. Brown. He then launched into a plea for the St. Lawrence scheme. Incidentally Mr. Hall scored the U.F.O. for their boast that they had broken away from the old party system. He claimed the U.F.O. were but the malcontents of the two former parties, and he further alleged they were kept in power only through the courtesy of men on the Opposition benches. Another interesting passage in Mr. Hall's speech was his supposition that great coal beds lay under the clay belt north of the height of land. The debate was adjourned by Major A. C. Lewis, Mr. Hall having spoken about an hour and twenty minutes.

## SEVEN MINOR BILLS RECEIVE ATTENTION IN BUSY AFTERNOON

"Kissing Book" Continues as  
Court Room Practice,  
Legislators Decide

### TREASURY DATA GIVEN

Once established on the straight and narrow path, which is bounded on either side by the orders of the day, the Legislature adhered to business yesterday afternoon to such good purpose that before the members answered the call of the inner man at 6 o'clock, no fewer than seven, more or less contentious, bills had been disposed of.

Four of the seven were advanced through second reading, and were sent on to committee, while the

other three, on being presented for similar treatment, met their several fates in the shape of summary rejection at the hands of legislators who showed signs of restiveness at being asked to endorse what one member termed "a lot of fool bills."

#### Four Bills Survive.

The quartet which managed to escape extinction included H. A. Stevenson's bill to alter the method of selection of Labor's representatives on Advisory Industrial Committees of Boards of Education; J. B. Johnston's bill to change the date of the initial meeting of Municipal Councils; W. A. Crockett's bill to remove the disqualification which prevents owners of property, against which a Municipal Housing Commission holds a mortgage, from running for municipal office, and K. K. Homuth's bill to authorize the payment of a retiring allowance to employees of a municipal corporation.

The less fortunate trio was composed as follows: T. Tooms' bill to do away with "kissing of the Book" in law courts; J. W. Widdifield's bill to authorize payment of the members of Boards of Trustees of police villages, and W. A. Crockett's bill to empower the Provincial Board of Health to order urban centres to provide facilities for the disposal of the sewage of contiguous suburban areas.

#### Must "Kiss the Book."

The House drew some little amusement from consideration of the "no-kissing" measure sponsored by T. Tooms (U.F.O.-Labor, West Peterboro'). Premier Drury contended that the bill was unnecessary, pointing out that, under existing statute, a witness did not have to kiss the book if he did not wish to do so. Attorney-General Raney had heard of cases where lawyers had insisted on the kissing, so thought the bill might be useful. On a call for the yeas and nays the bill was declared carried, but Hon. G. S. Henry insisted on a standing vote, with the result that it was defeated by 32 to 25.

Early in the afternoon Hon. Peter Smith tabled an answer to a question by W. F. Nickle, K.C., which showed that the last amount included under receipts in the 1922 Public Accounts had been received on November 21 last. The last payment of the fiscal year had been made on November 15. Amounts paid out between the close of the accounts and the end of December had been \$5,516,067 on capital account, and \$4,837,734 on ordinary account.

The Provincial Treasurer also submitted a statement showing the dates of the latest receipts for each year since 1913, as follows: 1913, November 15; 1914, November 14; 1915, November 10; 1916, November 15; 1917, November 16; 1918, November 15; 1919, November 21; 1920, November 12; 1921, December 8, and 1922, November 21.