

## For Two Hours Southwest Toronto Member Blocks Passage of Measure, Declaring Objectionable Clause Makes It Instrument of Blackmailers and Informers

### ATTORNEY-GENERAL SAYS HE CAN WAIT

For two hours last night Attorney-General Raney struggled in committee of the Legislature with his "Blue Sky" Bill, and finally, interpreting the vigorous opposition of H. H. Dewart, K.C., as intention to talk the bill out, he withdrew it for the night.

#### Dewart's "Weather Eye" Out.

"That doesn't mean, of course," said Mr. Raney, "that the bill will stand on any day because my honorable friend is not in his seat."

Mr. Dewart — Oh, I'll be here; don't worry.

So the balance of the session may see the Attorney-General and Mr. Dewart playing a game of watchful waitin—the Attorney-General for an opportunity to get his bill through when Mr. Dewart is not present, and the Southwest Toronto member continually scanning the horizon for indications of "Blue Sky."

The particular clause upon which the Attorney-General and Mr. Dewart came to grips was that which gave absolute protection to the commissioner for any act of his which might work injury to a concern or an individual and which also gave protection to a complainant. The Southwest Toronto member was vigorous in his denunciation of the former proposal, but it was upon the protection to be given to the "contemptible informer" that the full force and eloquence of his wrath descended.

#### Calls It Blackmail.

He called it a "blackmailing" section of the worst character; one calculated to put a premium upon gossip and invective, and he proceeded to say, acting his contempt with every word, that every man with Irish blood in his veins hated "the spy and informer," and he confessed to "some Irish."

"And yet," he protested, "the Attorney-General of Ontario proposed to throw the aegis of his mantle around the informer—the contemptible informer—telling him to come with his tittle-tattle to the Commissioner, whom it is proposed to set up."

In milder terms, W. H. Price, K.C., Conservative member for Parkdale, and Hon. G. H. Ferguson also protested against the "back door" methods of complaint which it was proposed to set up under the Blue Sky Law, and, with J. W. Curry, K.C. (Liberal, Southeast Toronto), dissenting, both appealed to the Attorney-General to modify the particular clause.

#### Dewart Insistent.

Mr. Dewart was insistent in his protests, and several times interrupted the near-passage of the clause to make a new speech. Closure, he said, at one point, might as well come sooner or later. And he went on to appeal to the Attorney-General and Government members not for "sympathy," but, as he said, "for British justice," demanding if he would not concede to Opposition members "some little knowledge of law," and a fund of common sense "greater than that possessed by the Attorney-General."

## MAY CREATE TOWNS OF THREE REGIONS AT DOORS OF CITY

Bills Incorporating York City, Humbervale and Mount Dennis Considered

### GRIST OF MEASURES UP

With practically no discussion, the Legislature yesterday advanced through Committee of the Whole House the act to incorporate the town of Mount Dennis; the act to incorporate a part of the township of York as the town of Humbervale, and the act to incorporate part of the township of York as the township of East York. Second reading was given also to the act to incorporate the city of York City.

#### Essential Incidentals.

It was explained that the act incorporating part of the township of York as the township of East York was not to come into effect if any of the other sections failed to carry incorporation, and that the Humbervale incorporation was not to be submitted to the electors for approval unless incorporations were carried in Mount Dennis and York City.

H. H. Dewart, K.C. (Liberal, Southwest Toronto), and W. F. Nickle, K.C. (Conservative, Kingston), did not think the wording "to incorporate the city of York City" was correct; that it should be rather "to incorporate York City." It may be a change in that respect will be made in committee, though other members argued that the proposed name of the new incorporation was York City.

#### Progress of Other Bills.

Third readings were given to the following measures: An act respecting the municipality of Neebing; an act respecting the township of Etobicoke; an act respecting the city of Port Arthur; an act respecting the city of St. Catharines; an act respecting the township of Tisdale.

Various private bills were advanced through Committee of the Whole House, including a bill respecting Fecunis, Limited; a bill to empower the incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto to mortgage certain lands in the town of Oshawa; a bill respecting the city of Brantford; an act to consolidate the debenture debt of the town of Hawkesbury; a bill respecting the town of Sturgeon Falls; a bill respecting the city of Port Arthur, providing for the annexation of certain lands to the municipality of Shuniah; a bill respecting the town of Port Colborne; a bill respecting the city of Sault Ste. Marie; a bill respecting the city of Toronto, which concerns the purchase of outstanding debentures.

Second reading was given to an act respecting the town of Brampton.

## SINKING FUND PLAN DROPPED BY SMITH

Provincial Treasurer Gets Approval for Loan of \$35,000,000

### HENRY'S CEMETERIES BILL

Hon. Peter Smith, Provincial Treasurer, answered in the affirmative the question asked by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Conservative Leader, if he had abandoned his sinking fund resolution.

Following Mr. Smith's reply to his question, Mr. Ferguson said that he thought the Provincial Treasurer would agree that this was not an opportune time to devise a new financial policy. That should be the duty of the incoming Government, from whichever party it was formed, he argued.

The discussion came during the consideration by the House of another resolution of the Provincial Treasurer authorizing a loan of 35 millions of dollars. Mr. Smith explained that this money was to cover up to the end of May, 1924. Included in the amount was six millions for refunding purposes, three and a half millions for Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, \$1,675,000 for public works, \$550,000 for colonization roads, \$600,000 for public works, 18½ millions of dollars for highways up to May 31, 1924.

Following the passing of the resolution the Provincial Treasurer introduced a bill to raise the money, which bill received first reading.

Obligation will rest on a municipality to take care of cemeteries that are abandoned where no trusteeship exists, Hon. George S. Henry (Conservative, East York) explained to the Legislature yesterday was the effect of his bill to amend the Cemeteries Act. The bill provides further, he said, for the County Council to make a return to the Medical Officer of Health regarding the inspection of these cemeteries. The bill passed second reading.

The bill to amend the Judicature Act passed through the committee stage. This bill establishes two Courts of Appeal in Ontario, each court to consist of five members. The measure met with warm approval from legal members in the House.