

Tuesday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

## TEXT OF JUDGMENT ON INSURANCE ACT AWAITED BY NICKLE

### Reciprocal Plan Is Not to Be Proclaimed in the Meantime

#### KITCHENER O.T.A. AFFAIRS

Changed times make changed conditions, and this Government and Legislature may not regard the legislation respecting reciprocal insurance in the same light as the last House regarded the bill, said Hon. W. F. Nickle, Attorney-General, in the Legislature yesterday, in reply to a question from Hon. W. E. Raney, U.F.O., East Wellington.

When he received the text of the Privy Council judgment, Mr. Nickle continued, he would give careful consideration to the principles enunciated, and give a decision after considering the question with the Government.

#### Affairs in Kitchener.

Mr. Raney then told the Attorney-General that he had information that in Kitchener the city police had taken the position that they would not enforce the Ontario Temperance Act on the ground that there was a License Inspector and a member of the Ontario Police in Kitchener, and in that situation there was no obligation resting upon the city police. Had the Attorney-General learned of that situation in Kitchener, or in any other place in Ontario? Mr. Raney asked.

Mr. Nickle replied that the Attorney-General had not learned that there was such a situation in Kitchener or elsewhere in Ontario, and that the Attorney-General would be surprised to know that the police force in any municipality in Ontario took the position that it was not responsible for the enforcement of all the laws of the country.

Answering a question placed on the order paper by Harold Fisher, Liberal, West Ottawa, asking if the Controller of Finance spoken of by the Premier had been appointed, the Prime Minister replied that "the Government has as yet been unable to secure a suitable man on satisfactory terms."

#### New Government Bills.

Four new Government bills made their appearance during the afternoon, three sponsored by Attorney-General Nickle, and one by Provincial Treasurer Price.

One of Mr. Nickle's bills, an amendment to the Coroners Act, provides for notice of death being given the Coroner where death results from violent causes or accident. Previously it has been the responsibility of the Coroner to investigate and decide whether an inquest was necessary.

Another of the Attorney-General's proposed measures is for the purpose of removing certain inconsistencies in the Mortgages Act. In his explanation he said that the Mortgages Act and the Dower Act were in conflict on the provision in case of sale of land under power of sale that purchase money shall be applied in payment of the principal and interest, and that the surplus, if any, shall be paid to the mortgagor.

#### Regarding Race-tracks.

Provincial Treasurer Price had a bill which would permit officers of the Crown, in their inspection of race-tracks, to go in and inspect the pari-mutuel machines, as well as the books of the club or company.

A. Lewis, Conservative member for Northeast Toronto, introduced three minor amendments to the Municipal Act, the most important of which was to allow, in cities where municipal representatives are elected by wards, the return of the next highest contestant at the polls in instances where an elected member has been disqualified. At present a disqualification necessitates a new election.

Another amendment proposes to put in the hands of the City Councils power to discriminate as to types of business that may be permitted to proceed in residential sections.

After the introduction of Mr. Lewis' bill, Premier Ferguson announced that during the recess the Government proposed appointing a commission to go thoroughly into the matter of revision of the Assessment and Municipal Acts, and he requested that only urgent amendments be submitted this session.