

Thursday, Mar. 27.

NEW TAX FORECAST FOR MOTOR TRUCKS AND SPEEDY AUTOS

Premier Not Enthusiastic About Sharing Revenues With Municipalities

HOST OF NEW MEASURES

Following a quiet afternoon spent on estimates, the Government rather surprised the Legislature when, just before 6 o'clock yesterday, six important Administration measures were introduced and given first reading.

New Hotels Act.

Liberal Leader Sinclair asked when the Government was going to get to "the bottom of the basket" in respect to new legislation for this session. The Premier replied that one or two more important Government measures yet had to be introduced, and would make their appearance today or on Friday.

Probably the most important measure in general interest to the Province was the Hotels Act. The principal feature of this bill is that a precise definition is to be given to what is meant by a hotel, and no person may advertise himself as a hotelkeeper who does not conduct an establishment coming under that definition. The Premier explained that the bill differentiated between a hotel, an apartment house and a boarding house. Classifications of hotels would be worked out by regulation, so that a good hotel, no matter whether in a small or large community, would be classified as a good hotel, and would not be listed as one of a lower grade because it was not located in a city instead of a village or town.

Aid for Injured Workmen.

Another act introduced was entitled the Workmen's Compensation Rehabilitation Act. This act sets forth that where a workman is injured and is handicapped by his injury he may be aided financially by the board. This act applies to men who lose fingers, for instance, and who are not able to take up their former occupation with full efficiency.

Another act, bearing on the street railway situation in London, was introduced by Sir Adam Beck. Some street railways have long-term franchises with periodical right to renewal. Sir Adam's act stipulates that, whatever changes may be made to the original franchise agreement by legislation, such changes will be effective only until the end of the first period to expire after the alteration has been approved of by law.

To Have Mining Court.

The Mining Commissioner in Ontario is to have the authority of a Judge, and his office that of a court, by the terms of an act introduced by Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines. Ottawa has been asked to clothe the Commissioner practically with the powers of a High Court Judge, Mr. McCrea explained, so that he shall have unquestioned authority to deal with certain matters in which his jurisdiction at present is in doubt. The Premier, for the Attorney-General, introduced an act amending the Workmen's Compensation Act, which, he said, he understood from the Attorney-General made no radical change, and would not be subjected to much opposition in the House.