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# SEEKS TO VALIDATE DRURY DECLARATION

## Proceedings on Mining Claims Forfeiture Not Regular, Says Nickle

### NEW BILLS INTRODUCED

Just before 6 o'clock last night in the Legislature the Government introduced three more Administration measures, which drew a protest from Liberal Leader Sinclair, who said he thought that important bills should not be brought into the House except at the proper time. The Premier explained the bills were introduced so that they could be printed for today's consideration.

Two of the bills were introduced by Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines. One is to carry out the recommendations of the Fish and Game Committee, and the other is to amend the Natural Gas Act of 1922 so that townships exempt under Section 9 of the 1922 act may be brought under the control of the Natural Gas Board for the purpose of conserving natural gas and the regulating of rates.

A third bill, introduced by the Attorney-General, validates the proceedings which had taken place when certain mining titles were declared forfeited by the former Government for the non-payment of taxes. About 1,800 titles were affected. The Attorney-General explained that an investigation had been held, and as a result the conclusion was reached that the proceedings of the department had not been regular. As many of these mining locations had been restaked, it was thought necessary, Mr. Nickle said, to introduce a bill validating the proceedings which had taken place.

#### Yet Another Act.

Still another Government bill made its appearance in the Legislature yesterday, when Attorney-General Nickle secured first reading for a measure to "amend the Hospitals for the Insane Act."

"The object," said Hon. Mr. Nickle, "is to establish reciprocal arrangements between Ontario and Manitoba in respect to public trustees by which we will recognize their officer and they will recognize ours."