

Tuesday, March 9th

## MUCH BUSINESS DONE BY LOCAL MEMBERS IN BRIEF SESSION

Dispose of Many Public Bills  
and Deal With Questions  
in Short Time

### McBRIEN BILL WITHDRAWN

Disposing of half a dozen public bills, cleaning off a few questions from the order paper, and dealing finally with the motion of ex-Attorney-General Raney to add all Opposition members of the House to the Public Accounts Committee, the Legislature put in a brief but profitable afternoon yesterday.

Although the bill of F. G. McBrien, Conservative member for Southwest Toronto, to assess all except Crown lands for local improvement purposes, found sympathy from Mr Raney, and from the Treasury benches, it was withdrawn. Premier Ferguson suggested that the Southwest Toronto member take his arguments before the Statutes Revision Committee.

#### University Property.

Another measure from the same member, to place university property in the same category as Crown lands or Government property in regard to taxation, was held over pending consultation between Attorney-General Nickle and the Toronto City Solicitor. Under its terms the tenant of university property not used for educational purposes would be liable to the municipality both for realty and business tax.

Frank H. Keefer, K.C. (Conservative, Port Arthur), secured second reading and reference to the Legal Committee for his measure to impose civil as well as criminal responsibility upon a motorist who inflicts fatal injuries upon a child with his motor car. Mr. Raney approved it, expressing the view that it would make motorists more careful.

Then Mr. Raney's proposal to add all Opposition members to the Public Accounts Committee came up for brief discussion, the ex-Attorney General remarking that the Government would still have a majority of twenty-six if his suggestion were adopted. He believed it would be "a gracious act" on the part of the Government, and expressed the opinion that the committee was really a court of justice.