

Tax on Race-Track Betting Yields \$7,500,000 Revenue

Government's Rake-Off on Pari-Mutuels in Ontario Reaches Nearly Two Million Dollars Per Annum

ANOTHER MILLION FROM JOCKEY CLUBS

More than seven and a half million dollars has been collected by the Province of Ontario from race-track wagers since the tax was instituted, according to figures presented in the Legislature yesterday by Provincial Treasurer Price, at the request of J. W. Widdifield, Progressive member for North Ontario. This sum is divided among four years of pari-mutuel assessment, as follows: 1922, \$2,212,220; 1923, \$1,821,963.72; 1924, \$1,794,052.55; and 1925, \$1,703,760.85.

Revenue derived from taxation of the racing associations themselves ranges, according to Mr. Price, from \$15,790.25 in the year 1911 to \$998,690.40 in 1925. Returns from 1920 onward are: 1920, \$770,410; 1921, \$774,140; 1922, \$769,910; 1923, \$607,774.53; and 1924, \$848,490.95.

WITHDRAWS HIS BILL ON COMPENSATION ACT

**Proposed Measure Might
Militate Against Efficiency,
Says Attorney-General**

BILLS ARE INTRODUCED

Attorney-General Nickle yesterday withdrew his bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act. Before the House in committee, Mr. Nickle said that, while he considered the advantages of the measure greater than its disadvantages, he had learned from Labor organizations with which he had conferred of a decided impression that the measure might militate against the smooth working that has characterized the administration of the act in its present form.

E. Proulx (Liberal, Prescott) expressed regret that Mr. Nickle felt it advisable to withdraw the bill, stating that it had been his intention to ask the Government to make the provisions embodied by the measure retroactive from Jan. 1 last. Mr. Proulx stated a case in his own constituency which he believed would have been benefited by the point Mr. Nickle had advocated, namely, that of giving the board power to estimate to what extent deaths from injuries are accelerated by other ailments.

Bills Reported.

Considerable legislative business was conducted in the House yesterday. Bills respecting the amalgamation of Grace and Western Hospitals; the Village of Waterford; and the Grey and Bruce Loan Company, and the Owen Sound Loan and Savings Company, were reported in committee.

Second readings were given to bills to incorporate the Toronto East General Hospital Association; respecting the amalgamation of the Girls' Home and the Protestant Orphans' Home; respecting the City of Stratford; to extend the time for the completion of the Haliburton, Whitney and Mattawa Railway; to incorporate the Welland and Port Colborne Railway Company; respecting the Mount McKay & Kakabeka Falls Railway Company; respecting the Midland-Simcoe Railway Company; respecting the Town of Gananoque; respecting the British Mortgage Loan Company of Ontario; and respecting the City of Galt.

Bills Are Introduced.

Bills respecting the Township of Tisdale, the Board of Trustees of the Police Village of Alna; the Corporation of Sarnia; the Ottawa Police Benefit Fund Association; the City of Ottawa; the City of Kitchener; the City of Sault Ste. Marie; the Town of Huntsville; and the Township of Grantham, were introduced by their riding representatives. Acts to amend the Consolidated Municipal Act of 1922 and the Assessment Act were also given first reading.