

Friday, April 2nd

Objects to "Sauerkraut."

The only incident during the evening which relieved the monotonous drone of the Clerk as he chanted "third reading of bill to amend so and so" was an explosion by K. K. Homuth, Independent Labor member for Waterloo, over references by Controller Hacker at a Toronto Board of Control meeting to Private Bills Committee members.

Mr. Hacker was reported to have used the word "sauerkraut" in connection with his statements. Mr. Homuth presumed the reference was to himself and William Weichel, the North Waterloo member, and proceeded to say that neither he nor Mr. Weichel had any apologies to offer for representing such a splendid county as Waterloo.

Apparently, Mr. Homuth said, Controller Hacker "started in to insult members of the Legislature, and that is something members of this Legislature will not stand from any Toronto municipal politician. If members of the Toronto Board of Control expect to come before the Private Bills Committee asking for legislation, and receive the fair treatment which has always been given them, they should not make such references as this."

The House also applauded during the night a reference by F. H. Keefer, K.C., Conservative member for Port Arthur, to the conquest of the Port Arthur team in the hockey championship hunt. Besides good timber, he said, the North country also grew "good, clean, athletic boys."

An interesting amendment during the evening session was that to the bill approving the Toronto-Weston radial operation agreement, when the Premier announced that the T.T.C. was not to receive permission to keep busses off the highway and out of competition with its radial.

Shortest Session of Late.

With prorogation billed for Wednesday, the 1926 session of the Legislature will be the shortest within the last decade. The House has sat only seven weeks, as compared with thirteen, fourteen and fifteen weeks in recent years. The Assembly convened Feb. 10.

The outstanding item of legislation of the session was Attorney-General Nickle's bill to eliminate by-elections for Cabinet Ministers after general elections. Before the House assembled Premier Ferguson said that there would be little important legislation, and his forecast proved accurate. Very few measures loom up out of the seven weeks' labors to impress themselves upon one's memory as "important."

O.T.A. discussions and proposals to amend that much-discussed act occupied more time than any other single matter. There were three "wet" moves during the session--the Brackin amendment for Government control, which was defeated on division; the bill of J. A. Pinard for 10 per cent. beer, and the Government control bill of Col. J. A. Currie, which was declared out of order.