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## RANEY RESUBMITS CONTRIBUTIONS BILL

Would Stop Brewers and  
Others From Donating to  
Campaign Funds

### TO AMEND MARRIAGE ACT

An echo of last year's session was heard in the Ontario Legislature yesterday, when Hon. W. E. Raney, Progressive Leader, reintroduced his bill to prohibit political contributions by brewers, distillers, standard hotelkeepers, public contractors, Crown lessees and certain corporations. The measure was left by the wayside last year.

"Is this an annual presentation?" inquired Premier Ferguson.

"The second annual," replied Mr. Raney.

"Well, what about the churches then?" came the cry from various sections of the Conservative group.

The Progressive Leader had filed no notice of the bill, and momentarily the Government demurred on its introduction.

"Oh, it can't do any harm now," suggested Liberal Leader W. E. N. Sinclair. "The election is over."

The House gave first reading to the measure. First reading was also given to the Prime Minister's bill to amend the Marriage Act to the extent of making it legal for all British clergymen to perform a marriage in Ontario. The measure aims directly at elimination of the possibility of there arising in future any situation similar to that of last fall when Right Rev. Winnington-Ingram, Bishop of London, out from England to officiate at the marriage of his Ontario niece, was prevented by the present act from conducting the ceremony.

Mr. Ferguson also introduced a new consolidation of the act respecting the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. Among the several private bills submitted for first reading the chief in interest was that introduced by Hon. Joseph E. Thompson. It seeks to empower the General Synod and the Missionary Society of the Church of England to invest their money by one joint committee and to divide the proceeds of the investment between them, according to the amount invested by each. Heretofore, the two bodies have been making their investments individually.