

NEW FINANCING PLAN IN RURAL HYDRO AREA IS PROVIDED IN BILL

Measures of Consolidation
Are Introduced in Legisla-
ture by Government

PASS TAX CUT REVISION

Several new bills, chiefly measures of consolidation, were introduced in the Legislature by the Government yesterday.

An act to provide aid for construction work in rural power districts was brought in by Premier Ferguson. This, said he, provided that the money advanced by the Province for rural power work might be charged against the Provincial capital account, instead of being paid out of the consolidated revenue, and might be paid off over a period of years. It allowed for financing of rural development in a method carried on in other power activities in the Province.

Hon. William Finlayson introduced a bill known as the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act of 1927, which is a combination of the Rivers and Streams Act, the Water Privileges Act, the Sawlogs Driving Act, and the Timber Slides Act.

Judges Arbitrators.

One of the new features of the measure is that provision is made for the determination by arbitration, of all claims for compensation and of all disputes arising under the act, the Judge of the County or District Court being the sole arbitrator for that purpose.

The prohibition in the former Rivers and Streams Act against throwing the slabs, bark and waste stuff from any mill into a lake or river has now been made to cover sawdust as well.

In dealing with tolls, the bill provides that in every case the Judge of the County or District Court shall approve of the schedule of tolls to be charged and his decision is final.

The other Government measures brought in were acts respecting the Niagara Falls Park, to amend the Registry Act, respecting the solemnization of marriages in Ontario, to amend the Land Titles Act, and a local improvements act—bills of a consolidatory nature.

The House, in committee, without dissent, passed Attorney-General Price's act to amend the Assessment Act so as to provide for the "cuts" in municipal income tax assured the public by the Government during the last election campaign.

Query by Raney.

Hon. W. E. Raney, Progressive Leader, wanted to know if there was any difference between the Prime Minister's promises and the provisions of the bill brought down to the House.

"No difference," said Mr. Ferguson.

"No difference in application of the law," said Col. Price.

"Then," smiled Mr. Raney, "this bill justifies the confidence of the Prime Minister."

"Quite so," said Mr. Ferguson.

A new section of the measure, suggested on second reading, and added for House-in-committee approval, reads:

"Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, the income tax payable to any municipality upon a mine or mining work, liable to taxation under Section 5 of the Mining Tax Act, shall not exceed 1 1/2 per centum of the annual profits of the mine or mining work upon which the tax payable under the said Section 5 is based, unless the amount of such annual profits exceeds a sum which will yield \$35,000 in respect of such income tax, when an additional 1 per centum of such excess annual profits shall be payable to the municipality."

Other Measures.

Other Government measures passed in committee were: An act respecting the Toronto Radial Railways, an act respecting the adoption of children, an act for the protection of children of unmarried parents, an act respecting the production and sale of milk and cream for human consumption, an act to amend the Loan and Trust Corporation Act, an act to grant aid to the Banting Research Foundation, an act to amend Chapter 79, Statutes of Ontario, 1919; an act to amend the Ontario Insurance Act, and an act to amend the Devolution of Estates Act and the Boys' Welfare Home and School Act.

The following, private bills were carried in committee: An act respecting the Town of Dunnville, an act respecting the Township of York, an act respecting the City of Ottawa, an act respecting the Village of Bayfield, an act respecting the City of Ottawa and the Township of Nepean, an act respecting the City of Sarnia, an act respecting the Town of Preston, an act respecting the Town of Almonte, an act respecting the Village of Fort Erie, and an act respecting the Town of Dundas.

Second reading was given to Hon. John S. Martin's bill—the Fruit and Vegetables Consignment Act of 1927—which aims at more adequate protection for Ontario fruit and vegetable growers from "unscrupulous commission agents."

Aurelien Belanger, Liberal member for Russell, inquired if Quebec

shippers were protected from Ontario commission men by the terms of the measure. Mr. Martin said they were. Mr. Belanger then suggested that the question of Ontario shippers getting similar protection from Quebec commission agents should be discussed at the next Interprovincial Conference.

"It's now on the agenda," said Premier Ferguson.

"Isn't it remarkable," said Mr. Belanger, "how great minds think alike?"

Hon. Lincoln Goldie, Provincial Secretary, got second reading to his act to amend the Hospitals for the Insane Act, and Attorney-General Price got second reading to his measure for the protection of neglected and dependent children.

Second reading was given to one private bill, an act to consolidate the floating debt of the Town of Georgetown.

Twenty-two Acts.

Third reading was given to twenty-two acts, as follows: To amend the Bills of Sale and Chattel Mortgage Act; to amend the Voters' Lists Act, 1926; to improve the quality of dairy products; to amend the Milk, Cheese and Butter Act; respecting the Town of Sudbury; respecting the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Wick; respecting the Town of Tecumseh; to amend the Hydro-Electric Railway Act, 1914; to revise and consolidate the mining law of Ontario; to amend the Public Vehicles Act, 1923; respecting stationary and hoisting engineers; to amend the Judicature Act; to amend the Mining Tax Act; to amend the Surveys Act, 1920; to amend the Counties Reforestation Act, 1927; for the granting of assistance to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association; respecting the maintenance of deserted wives and children; to provide for the maintenance of parents by their children; respecting the legitimation of children by the subsequent intermarriage of their parents; respecting the Township of Cornwall; respecting the Township of Nipigon; to define the boundaries or limits of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Chapleau.

EXPLAINS ESTIMATE OF LIQUOR REVENUE

Based on Profits in Western
Provinces, Says Attor-
ney-General

Replying to questions by Progressive Leader Raney, Attorney-General Price, in the Legislature yesterday, stated that the Government had estimated \$3,500,000 revenue from Government control of liquor for the balance of the present fiscal year by considering the profits made by Government-control systems in Western Provinces, and having in mind that \$1,000,000 would be received from permits and licenses.

Mr. Raney wanted to know what date the Attorney-General assumed for the commencement of operations of the liquor stores. Col. Price replied: "The estimate was made for half a year."

Vacant Place to Be Filled On Highway Advisory Body

Appointment of a member of the Legislature to the Highway Advisory Committee to fill the place vacated by A. M. Rankin, who resigned when defeated at the last election, was forecast in the House yesterday by Hon. Geo. S. Henry.

Replying to a question by G. A. McQuibban (Liberal, Northeast Wellington), Mr. Henry stated that the committee still functioned. The present members are T. J. Mahoney (Conservative, Wentworth South) and Hon. F. G. Macdarmid (Conservative, Elgin West), said he, "and it is the Government's intention to appoint another member of the Legislature to the committee in the near future to take Mr. Rankin's place."