

Tuesday, Feb. 14th

Twelve Rescued.

"The rescue apparatus sent by Consumers' Gas and Toronto Fire Department was used on Saturday, and 12 men found their way out or were rescued with the aid of this apparatus. On the arrival of the United States Bureau of Mines rescue car Sunday morning an attack was made on the fire zone, immediate object being to stop the formation of the dense smoke, which prevented rescue operations throughout the mine. Up to 12 noon Monday 29 bodies have been recovered and 10 men are still unaccounted for. Location of the bodies recovered indicates that the majority of the men were overcome by carbon monoxide gas while making their way to the shaft."

Sympathy for Sufferers.

"I am sure," the Premier continued, "that I am voicing the sentiment of this House and of the people of Canada in expressing sympathy to the families of the men who met such a tragic and untimely end."

He noted in passing that the tragedy had stirred up very considerable interest in the whole mining situation.

"There was remarkable heroism on the part of the underground men," he continued. "Pont and Graham going down into the mine—and down again, at the risk of their own lives, to rescue their comrades. Graham met his death; Pont was resuscitated."

"The Toronto fire relief organization was the first to perform real relief work. Then the promptitude with which our friends on the American side responded to the call entitles them to the warmest gratitude and thanks of this whole country. These men have done worthy service."

Thorough Probe.

"This all points to the necessity of a thorough investigation into the cause of a tragedy of this kind. We have a mining law and regulations and an organization that is unequalled by anything in the world. That is the testimony of practical mining men who investigated our conditions, inquired into our service. Mr. Sutherland is an outstanding man at the head of the service. The local inspector, Mr. Cole, is one of the best men we have."

"There are a number of ways an investigation might be carried on. Under the Mining Act a Coroner has authority to carry on an investigation. Under other circumstances the Chief Mine Inspector might carry on an inquiry. Then there is the Fire Marshal's Department. Then there is a fourth method of a Royal Commission."

To Take Prompt Steps.

"But until we have full reports from the officials, we are unable to say what the nature and the scope of the investigation should be. Frankly, I doubt if it is proper to carry on an inquiry through the Mines Branch, for they are responsible to some degree for inspection. But we will, at the earliest possible date, take prompt steps to make an inquiry."

BEER RESOLUTION OF WINDSOR M.P. LOSES MUCH 'KICK'

Wilson Interrupts Attorney-General and Tilts With Premier

"ORDER! ORDER" ENDS IT

They didn't exactly sit on Frank W. Wilson's "beer-by-the-glass" resolution yesterday, but they at least knocked some of the froth off it. What sitting was done was done on Mr. Wilson, with Premier Ferguson and Hon. W. D. Black, Speaker of the House, in the heavyweight roles.

It happened this way. Attorney-General Price was in the act of moving first reading of some Government bill, when the East Windsor member popped up from his seat, jack-in-the-box fashion. The House gawped. The Attorney-General hesitated. "I don't want to break in," smiled Mr. Wilson, but he kept right on breaking. The Attorney-General sat down.

The House buzzed. Mr. Wilson kept on breaking the news. It was all about his resolution. Of course he didn't want to press for an immediate ruling on it. Oh, no! He just wanted some understanding on its subject matter, which, he said, was one of "very vital importance" to the Province. He inferred that some years ago he had had a resolution of his held over until the dying hours of the House, and then sandbagged, and he didn't want the same fate to befall his "beer-by-the-glass" bid.

At this juncture, Premier Ferguson stepped in with: "The honorable gentleman can ask a question, but he is not entitled to make a speech."

"Then, Mr. Speaker," appealed Mr. Wilson, "may I ask for a ruling?" "Order! Order!" some members cried.

Presses for Ruling.

"I will press for a ruling," said Mr. Wilson.

"All I can say," declared the Prime Minister, "is that the business of the Government takes precedence. I am not prepared to say when the resolution will be called."

Mr. Wilson refused to budge. He appealed to the Speaker. He got little consideration there.

"The honorable member is entitled to ask a question," said Mr. Speaker. "He has asked it. The Prime Minister has answered it. That ends the matter for today."

"But," argued Mr. Wilson—and several more "buts."

Mr. Speaker grew vexed. "The honorable member," he said, "is entirely out of order. This question will not be called today."

"Mr. Speaker," pleaded Mr. Wilson.

"Order, please!" came the Speaker's reply.

"But may I have a ruling?" That ended the argument. Ended Mr. Wilson for the afternoon, too. He slipped outside the Chamber where it wasn't quite so warm. The House got down to business. "Beer-by-the-glass" had lost a bit of its "kick."

SUCCESSION DUTIES TO BE PAID SOONER UNDER PROPOSED ACT

Proposed Amendment Sets Twelve Months Instead of Eighteen

OTHER AMENDING BILLS

A bill to amend the Succession Duties Act, and providing for three chief changes, was introduced in the Legislature by Provincial Treasurer Monteith yesterday afternoon.

The proposed amendment sets the time for duties due at twelve months, instead of eighteen, as under the present act, and it proposes also a 6 per cent. interest rate, instead of 5 per cent., on moneys owed. If such changes were enforced, said Dr. Monteith, they would not be a hardship on any one. The change to twelve months would facilitate the handling of estates. The proposed amendment also embodies a move to do away with dual taxation. It proposes a reciprocity between Ontario and Quebec or other Provinces passing the same legislation, to avoid duplication of taxation on estates. The proposed amendment is the result of interprovincial conferences.

Affecting Mothers' Allowances.

Dr. Monteith also introduced a bill to amend the Mothers' Allowance Act, the change providing that two years' residence in Ontario, instead of two years in Canada, be the requirement.

A bill to amend the Public Health Act was also introduced by the Provincial Treasurer. The object of this is to grant power to municipalities of over 100,000 population to charge up to capital account all expenses necessary to the preliminary investigation, such as sanitary engineering, etc., that precedes a large construction program, such as sewage plant, etc. The idea is to make possible a more thorough investigation for the sake of sanitation and public health.

Amending Other Acts.

Bills to amend the Municipalities Act, the Local Improvement Act and the Bulk Sales Act were introduced by Attorney-General Price. The first is to provide for the paying of interest in compensation proceedings. The second is to allow a corporation to assume more of the cost of any particular work than it ordinarily would where a general by-law has not been passed, applying to work of certain character.

Under the suggested amendment a corporation might, in the case of an old Provincial highway running through the community, assume some of the cost that would be fixed to abutting land.

The proposed change in the Bulk Sales Act is to give a Junior Judge, as well as a Senior Judge, the right to appoint a trustee if the vendor has not appointed one.

Hon. William Finlayson yesterday brought in a bill to provide the necessary legislation in regard to Ontario's part in the power development on the English River. His bill is entitled: "An act respecting the Lac Seul storage."