

MOTOR TRUCK LAWS NEAR COMPLETION

Deputation Representing Interested Bodies Waits on Highways Minister

KINKS ARE IRONED OUT

Legislation passed last year by the Ontario Legislature respecting the licensing of motor-truck operators and Government regulation of this type of traffic, was given another boost nearer proclamation yesterday when a deputation of representatives from the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the Canadian Industrial Traffic League, the Toronto Board of Trade, the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, the Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce, and the Automotive Transport Association waited on Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Highways, yesterday, to submit a draft form of the bill of lading to be used in operation under the new act.

Kinks Ironed Out.

For some time, it is understood, inability of the operators and shippers to agree as to the whole question of regulations to go into effect has militated against proclamation of the legislation. With the bill of lading now decided upon, and other "kinks" in negotiation straightened away, the disputants through yesterday's deputation signalled the "go ahead" on the bill proper. In reply, Mr. Henry intimated that it would not be long before the new law would become operative.

Draft Bill of Lading.

The draft bill of lading submitted to the department yesterday is akin to that used by the railways, with the exception that it makes unnecessary the use of a way-bill. No mention is yet made of freight rates to be charged. This question, along with the question of "route control," will probably be settled in the next week or so, or that failing, be held over until proclamation of the act takes place.

HIGH TRIBUTE PAID TO PROF. JOHN SQUAIR

Promoted Bonne Entente, Says A. Belanger in House

Glowing tribute to the memory of the late John Squire, Professor Emeritus of the University of Toronto and former head of the French department, as one who had done much to promote the bonne entente, was paid by Aurelien Belanger, Liberal M.P.P. for Russell, speaking in the Legislature yesterday.

Voicing regret at the sudden passing of the eminent scholar and educationist, Mr. Belanger noted that Professor Squire had "enhanced the glory of the Province."

"He carried its fame across the seas," he continued, "and he brought back distinguished honors from foreign lands and Governments."

"My tribute" he went on, "is chiefly to the man who has been found in the front ranks of the active promoters of bonne entente. He has striven to enlighten the English-speaking population in this Province on the true character of French-Canadian aspirations. May I say immediately that he has in no small measure contributed to render possible the recent action of the Government on the bi-lingual issue."

WOULD MAKE ROADS PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS

Deputation From Waterloo and Counties Sees Minister

To a deputation from Waterloo and Wellington Counties which waited on him this morning, asking that the county road from Waterloo to Alma, by way of Elmira, be taken over by the Provincial highways system, Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Highways, promised that the route advocated would be one of the first to get consideration when the next additions to the system were made.

It was also the urge of the deputation that a three-mile link between Alma and the Owen Sound-Guelph Highway be designated "Provincial," too.

The deputation was sponsored by Karl Homuth and W. G. Weichel, Conservative members for South and North Waterloo, respectively, and Dr. G. A. McQuibben, Liberal member for Northeast Wellington. It comprised practically the two County Councils. Warden L. F. Dietrich of Waterloo and Warden R. Holt of Wellington were two of several speakers who stressed the need of Provincial designation of the route in question. Traffic, they contended, had increased by leaps and bounds, and a hook-up with the northern highway was imperative.

PROBE STARTS TODAY ON STRAY BALLOTS

Will Be Launched at Meeting of Privileges and Elections Committee

Stating that the Government wished to get to the bottom of the "wandering ballot" situation in South Ottawa with all possible speed, Premier Ferguson announced in the Legislature yesterday that the inquiry would be launched at a meeting of the Privileges and Elections Committee this morning.

Just before the House adjourned its afternoon session Mr. Ferguson rose to state that the committee would meet at 10.30 a.m. today, and that after the business of choosing a statement it would be prepared to hear from W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal Leader, to take over the ballots, and to begin the investigation.

Mr. Sinclair replied that he would be "on deck" to give any information in his possession. He wondered, however, just what powers the committee might hold in regard to an inquiry.

MEMBERS ARE CURIOUS ABOUT LIQUOR SALES

Inquiry Is Made as to Illegal Sales and Seizures

W. G. Medd, Progressive member for South Huron, has asked the Government how many convictions for illegal sale, and how many seizures of liquor have been made under the Liquor Control Act from its inception until Oct. 31, 1927. He also wants to know how many seizures were made from Government stores.

Charles G. Fletcher (Liberal, South Essex) asks the number of permits issued to operators of motor cars in the last fiscal year.

J. W. Widdifield (Progressive, North Ontario) is questioning the Ministry along a different avenue. He asks if H. F. McNaughton, civil servant in the Educational Department, has been superannuated; if so, what his salary was; if the vacancy has been filled; by whom, and at what salary. "Was it by promotion?"—"and, if not, why?"

Peter White Counsel In Hollinger Inquiry

Peter White, K.C., of Toronto will act as counsel with Judge Godson in the inquiry into the Hollinger disaster.

This Premier Ferguson announced in the Legislature late yesterday afternoon. When he stated that Mr. White was to be the man, E. Proulx (Liberal, Prescott) inquired: "Will the miners be allowed representation?"

Mr. Ferguson replied that that would be really a matter to be left to the discretion of the investigating tribunal. "But," he added, "this is to be a wide-open and complete inquiry. Off-hand, I would say that there is no reason why the miners should not be represented."