

Friday, March 9th

## SALVATION OFFICERS TO BE GIVEN POWER UNDER MARRIAGE ACT

Bill Proposes That Those  
Higher Than Lieutenant  
May Officiate

## TAX ON PUBLIC VEHICLES

Government bills providing for the central registration of liens on all motor cars in the Province; for increasing the investment powers of Ontario insurance companies; for the investment by trust and loan companies in all Provincial securities; for an amendment to the Marriage Act so that any Salvation Army officer above the rank of Lieutenant may conduct the marriage ceremony, and for the payment to the deserted wife or family of all or part of compensation due to the husband, were included in the legislation brought down in the Legislature yesterday.

Regarding his bill for the registration of motor car liens, Hon. George S. Henry explained that heretofore liens have been filed in the County Clerk's Office. It is now proposed to have the County Clerks forward their registrations to a central office in the Highways Department.

### The Compensation Act.

Attorney-General Price's bill providing for amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act refers especially to cases where the family is in want and liable to become a public charge and cases where an order has been made under the Deserted Wives and Children's Act or judgment has been given for alimony. In such cases, the bill provides that the board may divert such compensation of the workman in whole or in part for the benefit of the wife and children.

The investment powers of Ontario stock and cash mutual insurance companies is widened to cover the identical field of authorized investments for Dominion incorporated companies by amendments to the Companies Act respecting insurance companies, introduced by Col. Price.

The Attorney-General also presented legislation amending the Controverted Elections Act, for the purpose of making sure that the expenses of the Judges and Clerks of an Election Clerk were payable by the Crown.

### Toll on Public Vehicles.

Hon. George S. Henry explained that section of the Public Vehicles Act referring to the toll on operators of public vehicles in cities had been interpreted as forcing the cities to levy this toll. He offered an amendment making the act more flexible so that the cities could pass a by-law fixing the rate of the toll for such operators.

Hon. John S. Martin contributed two bills. One provided his amendments to the Weed Control Act, previously forecast, and the other, an amendment to the Protection of Cattle Act, giving counties the power to exclude any but pure-bred cattle from their counties.

## NOTHING BUT LING MAKES POOR FISHING

East Elgin Member Says  
Government Should  
Tackle Problem

## LIVERS WOULD MAKE OIL

E. Blake Miller, Liberal member for East Elgin, told the Legislature, in the dragging hours of the debate last night, a fish story which had most of the members present "at the alert."

Mr. Miller's story was of the ling—the fresh-water cod, which, he claimed, is competing to such an extent with the whitefish and the herring in Lake Erie and Lake Ontario that it behooves the Government to take immediate steps to formulate some scheme to combat the problem presented by the ravages of this cannibal fish.

The colder water of Lake Ontario was more suited to the growth and spread of this fish than Lake Erie's, and as a consequence most of the present-day complaint about the fish was coming from the former lake fishermen. He stressed the point that a high-grade oil is obtainable from the livers of these fish, and he wondered if sufficient reserves of oil could not be piled up—as from the salt-water cod in Newfoundland—to make worth while the efforts of the fishermen who nowadays are catching nothing but ling, and are compelled to throw them away as worthless.

Mr. Miller also asked the Government to give some study to the idea of extracting the "yellow" coloring from the fish. This accomplished, would mean, he said, that the fish would become a good table food and worth considerable money.

## Bees Bumbling in Northland May Yield Millions in Honey

Legault of Sturgeon Falls Suggests  
Government Send Each  
Settler a Couple of Hives

## FIREWEED FLOWER BASIS OF BUSINESS

Bees could rank along with minerals, pulpwood and water power as great natural resources of Northern Ontario, according to Theodore Legault (Liberal, Sturgeon Falls). The foundation of this new great resource, he told the members of the Legislature yesterday, lies in the "fireweed flower, only waiting to be kissed for its honey."

"A little flower may seem insignificant to the members in the House," said Mr. Legault, "but it has a virtue. It is the greatest honey-producing flower in the world. And this little flower grows in great profusion all through the fire-swept and rugged country of the North."

His idea is to have the Government send each of the settlers a couple of hives of bees, costing about \$10.

"And they'd develop a lucrative business that would run into millions of dollars," he thought.

## MAHONEY PROTESTS TAX ON NATIVE WINE

Urges Government to Give  
More Consideration  
to Question

Appeal of Niagara district wine manufacturers and grape growers for abolition of the 50 cents per gallon Provincial tax on native wines was echoed in the Legislature yesterday.

Thomas J. Mahoney (Conservative, South Wentworth) told the House that in 1925, when the tax was levied, there had been no objection from the growers. At that time, he said, imported wines and "beer at cost" were not competing with the native products. Today it was a different story. He urged the Government to give a little more consideration to the situation in which the manufacturers and the growers now found themselves.

The Government of Ontario, he contended, was making a profit of 125 per cent. on its sale of native wines.

"I submit," said he, "that if profits are necessary to this extent it would be much better to get them from imported wines and imported liquors rather than from our native-grown products."