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COMMITTEE REPORTS ODDFELLOWS BILL

Seeks Reincorporation of Relief Association of Order

The Private Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterday reported without amendment Colonel T. Ashmore Kidd's bill that seeks reincorporation of the Oddfellows' Relief Association under the name of the Mutual Relief Life Insurance Company.

Committee approval of the measure was vigorously opposed by R. L. Honeyford, who claimed that the great majority of the 18,000 members of the association really had no opportunity of opposing the decision of a special committee to drop the fraternal insurance idea for the mutual system.

Proponents of the measure held that it was absolutely necessary that the association branch out into a mutual company.

It was also explained that, notwithstanding a reporting of the bill by the committee, the mutual insurance arrangement could not become operative without a two-thirds vote of the association membership. Committee finally approved of the principle by a vote of 17 to 10.

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NEW BILL PROVIDES FOR HEAVIER LOADS OVER CERTAIN ROADS

Highways Will Be Rated 'A' Class and 'B' Class for Trucks

MOMENT OF MERRIMENT

The Ontario Government is extending to big truck owners the opportunity of carrying heavier loads of truck tonnage over certain roads of the Province.

It proposed to allow the gross load of weight carried on certain roadbeds to be raised from the present eight tons to ten tons. And to meet this situation of increased tonnage, it will split the roads into two groups, namely A class and B. Class.

Henry's Amendment.

This Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Highways, made known in the House yesterday, when he introduced a amendment to the Highway Traffic Act embodying this new plan. He stated that the amendment involved several changes, but that this one was the most important.

Premier Ferguson yesterday introduced an amendment to the Parents' Maintenance Act, which "cures an oversight" in the present act. Under existing legislation dependent parents may make application for support by their children, but such rights are not extended to parents in institutions. The amendment enables the head of an institution or trustee to make such application on their behalf.

A score of private bills were brought down yesterday, one in particular creating a moment of merriment in the House.

For City Manager.

It came from J. F. Reid (Conservative, West Windsor), and was "to authorize the City of Windsor to appoint a City Manager."

"Carried!" shouted several members.

"Does that do away with the members?" inquired J. A. Pinard (Liberal, East Ottawa); and when some one shouted "Yes," Mr. Pinard reiterated: "Carried."

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Highlights of Budget

Budget highlights, as seen by Hon. Dr. Joseph D. Monteith, Provincial Treasurer, in his Legislature financial presentation yesterday, are as follows:

Surplus of \$228,000 in ordinary account, 1928.

Capital expenditure under control.

Instalment for 1928 debt retirement of over \$3,000,000 paid.

Revenue of \$58,400,000, largest in history of Province.

Economy consistent with growing services.

Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway pays its way; \$1,300,000 in interest comes to Treasury.

Ontario Savings Offices and Farm Loans Board show substantial surplus.

Net debt, \$173,793,000.

Assets exceed liabilities by \$33,754,000.

Forecast of surplus for 1929 of \$198,000.

Debt instalment for 1929 of over \$3,000,000 to be met as usual.

Maintenance of the same strong financial policy of efficiency, economy, honest and businesslike administration.