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Bill to Halt Speculation In Suburban Cemeteries

*Amendment to Assessment Act
Would Allow Exemption of
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of Such Land in Excess of
Five Acres, Unless Actually
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That all extensive properties that are termed cemeteries may not be places for the purpose their name indicates, but may be the basis of some vast real estate speculation, was the information brought to the attention of the Ontario Legislature yesterday afternoon.

This funereal topic was the subject of a measure introduced by Leopold Macaulay (Conservative, South York). His bill bears the prosaic title of "An Act to Amend the Assessment Act." But it has to do with a place which R. F. Miller (Liberal, Haldimand) had on Thursday pictured as the resting place of "booze hoisters," and which the Liberal member so picturesquely described as "the marble orchard."

The bill is, in the words of Mr. Macaulay, "to stop speculating in lands and townships bordering on cities ostensibly held for cemeteries, but really held as a real estate speculation." And to stop this speculation, the bill suggests amending a section of the act having to do with assessment exemption so that it will read: "In no case shall more than 40 per cent. of such land in excess of five acres be exempt, unless it is actually occupied by graves."