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GOVERNMENT OFFERS UP TO \$2,500,000 FOR RESEARCH WORK

Amendment Result of "So
Much Enthusiasm in
Industry"

"SLEIGH - RUNNERS ACT"

The development of the Industrial Research Foundation in Ontario was brought emphatically to the attention of members of the Legislature yesterday, when Hon. George S. Henry, in the absence of Premier Ferguson, introduced an amendment to the act which provided for that foundation.

The Minister explained that last year's provision was that the Province subscribe a million dollars if a million be subscribed by private interests. "There has been so much enthusiasm among those in industry," said he, "that the fund is oversubscribed, and this amendment provides for an increase of the amount up to \$2,500,000 on the same terms as last year."

William E. N. Sinclair, Liberal Leader, suggested that, since the bill had to do with the voting of public money, it should be heralded by a resolution on the order paper.

Mr. Ferguson's Bill.

Mr. Henry stated that the Government would be glad to enter such a resolution before the bill came up for second reading. The Minister termed the bill to be "Mr. Ferguson's," and stated that the Premier would direct its progress in the House.

An amendment to the Devolution of Estates Act was introduced by F. W. Wilson (Conservative, East Windsor). Under the present act, in the case of a widow with one child, the widow gets one-third of the estate and the child half. The amendment proposes to increase her share to one-half.

When T. J. Mahoney (Conservative, South Wentworth) brought in a bill called "The Width of Sleigh-Runners Act of 1929," the members laughed at its title. Mr. Mahoney explained that it was to make the width of sleigh runners conform to the tracks of automobiles.

An amendment to the Corporations Tax Act, brought down by Hon. J. D. Monteith, Provincial Treasurer, seeks to bring under the act certain companies, such as some organizations dealing in mortgages, automobile financing and loans, which are not now under its provisions.

Usual Hydro Changes.

An amendment to the Power Commission Act, introduced by Hon. John R. Cooke, Hydro Minister, was explained to contain the usual yearly changes. Some sections deal with street lighting in rural districts. One section seeks to clarify the authority of the Commission to pay for surveys and investigations into power costs. Mr. Cooke pointed out that all the Commission's bills receive the approval not only of the legal department but of Clarkson & Dilworth.

An amendment to the Municipal Franchise Act, which restores provisions of the "Beck Act" of 1913, was also introduced by Mr. Cooke. The Beck Act provided that contracts or franchises made for power by municipalities must receive the approval of the electors. As a result, said the Minister, of the Revised Statutes of 1927, there was some doubt as to whether such authority existed. This amendment makes it clear that every bill for electric service must receive the approval of the electors rather than the municipalities.

Introducing a bill "for further protection of beaches," Hon. Charles McCrea stated that it gives power to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to control beaches in any section of the Great Lakes where gravel is being removed, and interfering with conditions or injuring property-owners.

Following the introduction of bills yesterday, Liberal Leader Sinclair wanted to know if there was much more Government legislation to be brought down. Hon. George S. Henry stated: "Most of that legislation is now before the House."