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PROVINCIAL POLICE GIVEN SUPERVISION OF COUNTY FORCES

Closer Co-operation Between Systems Provided in New Bill

COST TO COUNTY REDUCED

Legislation making the Provincial Police Force responsible for the discip-True of the county police and giving it supervisory authority over all High Constables was brought down to the Legislature yesterday by Attorney-General William H. Price.

This new legislation comes in the form of an amendment to the present Constables Act, has been widely heralded, and is designed with a view to establishing closer contact and cooperation between the municipal and Provincial authorities.

It authorizes the appointment by the Province of High Constables in counties where there are no such officers at present and shoulders the Province with the cost of maintaining such posts. Municipalities now paying High Constables have the option under the proposed amendment of carrying on as they are or coming in under the Provincial supervisory arrangement and letting the Government do the paying.

Price's Memorandum.

With the introduction of the bill yesterday, the Attorney-General issued the

following memorandum:

"As the law stands at the present time there is a provision in the Constables Act for the appointment of a High Constable for each county. Some counties have taken advantage of this and others have not. The duty of the High Constable is to take supervision over all county constables appointed by the General Sessions of the Peace, or the Magistrates.

"At the present time there are Provincial Police in almost every county town. It is desirable to have closer co-operation between the county police and Provincial Police. It is often very important to search out fugitives who are escaping and take quick action when serious crimes are committed. In order to get closer co-operation with the counties, it is proposed to have the High Constables under the supervision of the Provincial Police Force. This will mean that the Provincial Police Force will be responsible for the discipline of the county police and gradually such steps can be taken to get greater co-operation.

"As the law stands today, the Inspecter of Legal Offices has power to investigate charges against the county police, to make recommendations and enforce discipline. The present act turns this power over to the Commissioner of Police for the Province. Although the Inspector of Legal Offices had this power for some time it has been rather a dead letter, because he was not in a position to enforce discipline. This act will ensure a general improvement in discipline throughout the whole Province.

Cuts Cost to County.

"This act will also have the effect of considerably lessening the cost to the county of their police, as the High Constable will be paid by the Provvince. As conditions in the various counties are different and the organization of the county police has proceeded at various stages and along different lines, the act will be brought into force gradually after consultation with the Wardens and others interested."

"(1) A Judge of the County Court or the Commissioner of Police for Ontario may suspend from office any High Constable appointed for the Municipal Council of a County, or any county constable for any period not extending beyond one week after the time appointed for the next sittings of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace. "(2) The suspension shall be by no-

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15 of the old Constables Act and sub-

The new legislation repeals Section

Mce in writing and, if the Judge or the Commissioner of Police for Ontario considers the suspended officer deserving of dismissal, he shall, immediately after suspending him, report the case fully to the Clerk of the Peace for submission to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace at its next sittings.

Peners of Court.

stitutes the following:

"(3) The Court may dismiss the ofor direct him to be restored to office, after the period of his suspension has expired, or after such further period as may be deemed proper. "(4) Subsections 1 to 3 shall not apply to an officer appointed to perfrom the duties of a High Constable under the provisions of this act by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, but in all such cases the Commissioner of Police for Ontario may suspend any such officer so appointed, and after investigation upon notice to the officer.

and subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, dismiss or direct such officer to be restored to his office after the period of his suspension has expired, or after such further period as may be deemed proper.

"(5) This section shall not apply to any county for which there is a County Board of Commissioners of Police, at the time of the passing of this act."

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"AGED AUTOS" BILL GOES TO COMMITTEE DESPITE PROTESTS

"Vicious and Undemocratic," Says Belanger—"Treat All Alike"

GOVERNMENT SEES MERIT

Though Aurelien Belanger (Liberal, Russell) denounced the amendment to the Highway Traffic Act sponsored by Leopold Macaulay (Conservative, South York) as "vicious" in principle, and as "one of the most undemocratic bills ever presented in a British Assembly," Mr. Macaulay refused to withdraw his measure in the House yesterday afternoon, the Government saw merit in the bill, and it was given second reading, and sent on to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Macaulay introduced his bill some weeks ago, at which time it was explained at length. It proposes, in brief, that when a judgment of more than \$50 damage in a traffic accident is unsatisfied for more than sixty days, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles may cancel the permit and license of every vehicle owned by the debtor. In other words, if a driver who is in an accidetn does not pay up the damages of that accident in an amount over \$50, he will be refused the right to drive a car until the damages are paid.

Ban "Rambling Wrecks."

Mr. Macaulay believes that this will keep the "rambling wrecks" off the road, and will safeguard the public against the use of old cars, which may do extensive damage, and may not be even worth a portion of the damage done.

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FOR POWER IN NORTH

Further Supplementaries for Fiscal Year Total \$949,658

Further supplementary estimates for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1929. were tabled in the Ontario Legislature yesterday to the extent of \$949,658.10. By departments they are as follows: Prime Minister's, \$100,000: Legislation. \$1,400: Department of Education, \$300,-000; Lands and Forests, \$276,500; Mines, \$2,500; Public Works, \$15,550: Highways, \$6,225; Labor, \$230,000; Provincial Treasurer's, \$1,500; Provincial Secretary's, \$4,683.10; Agriculture, \$4,400, and Miscellaneous, \$6,900.

Initial installation of a 5,000 horse power development at Ear Falls on the English River for the purpose of supplying power in the Patricia and Kenora districts, calls for the entire \$100,000 vote in the Prime Minister's Department. The \$300,000 vote in the Education Department is the Queen's University grant announced by Premier Ferguson several weeks ago.

\$250,000 of the Lands and Forests Department estimates is for fire-ranging, and purchase of equipment and supplies in this field of activity. In the Labor Department the entire vote of \$230,000 is for allowances (additional) in accordance with the Mothers' Al-

lowances Act.