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TEN-MINUTE SITTING SEES THREE BILLS BROUGHT INTO HOUSE

Measures Introduced Re-
garding Mine Precautions
and Trusteeships

HON. J. L. PERRON PRESENT

Yesterday's sitting of the Ontario Legislature occupied less than ten minutes, but that period sufficed for the introduction of three bills by Attorney-General Price and one by Premier Ferguson.

There was another introduction of a different kind, too. J. E. Perrault, Minister of Roads in the Quebec Government, was on the floor of the House and he was introduced by Premier Ferguson.

Premier Ferguson introduced a bill to amend the Mining Act, and explained that it was really an outcome of the Royal Commission's investigation into the Hollinger disaster two years ago, incorporating some of the recommendations pertaining to the operations of mines. This bill came up at the last session of the Legislature, but was left over for further consideration until the present one.

More Protection.

It was given first reading yesterday, and the Prime Minister explained that on the return of Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines, Mr. McCrea would move second reading of the bill and give a more extended explanation of its provisions. Among the main amendments proposed, it is understood, are provisions for the protection of miners in underground fires and regulations governing the thawing of dynamite in mining operations.

The bills introduced by Attorney-General Price provide for amendments to the Public Trustees Act, the Trustees Act and the Crown Administration of Estates Act.

The change contemplated in the first of these three bills would provide for deputy public trustees during the absence or illness of a public trustee. The amendment to the Trustee Act provides for trustee or debtors in infancy or lunacy to make payment to a public trustee instead of to a court as at present.

Certain changes in the application for letters of administration by next-of-kin residing outside the Province are contemplated in the bill to amend the Crown Administration of Estates Act.