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and Beamsville, service also curtailed. The motor car and private bus companies were the factors which decreased the patronage on those lines, but they earned fat profits in their time. The private bus companies have all been taken over by the company, and where curtailed radial service is still given this is supplemented with busses.

Street-Car System.

The company recently rehabilitated the street-car system here, and purchased many new cars after the drop fare was increased to 7 cents, or four tickets for 25 cents. The fare on city busses is 10 cents, three tickets for 25 cents, with transfer privileges, plus 5 cents, from street car to busses. Lately the company asked for another increase in street-car fares, and negotiations were under way with civic officials, several of whom favored the city purchasing the system. A motion to that effect is to be introduced by Ald. Pollock at the next meeting of the City Council.

City officials expressed their approval tonight of Hydro taking over the D.P. & T., and rather favored Hydro letting the city operate the street railway.

TRANS-CANADA ROAD IS NATIONAL AFFAIR

So Claims Finlayson, Refer- ring to Delay in Work

Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, made it plain to the Legislature yesterday that the Ontario Government did not consider the question of the trans-Canada highways in this Province "a purely Provincial matter," and that work on this highway would not be proceeded with until such time as the Dominion Government would undertake "its share of the burden."

"This road," said Mr. Finlayson, "is a national undertaking, and therefore we are hesitating and not going on until the Dominion Government accepts its share of the responsibility."

Mr. Finlayson stated, however, that the Province's road policy in the North was ever expanding. Last year it was possible, he said, to drive as far as Kapuskasing. This year he had hopes, he said, of seeing the country opened up as far as Hearst.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PROBE PROBLEMS OF CONSERVING GAME

McCrea Forecasts Appoint- ment This Year—Wolf Bounty Increased to \$25 in Municipalities Border- ing on Unorganized Ter- ritory

DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR DUCKS REDUCED

Appointment by the Ontario Government some time this year of a special committee to inquire into the varied problems affecting the conservation of the wild game of the Province was forecast yesterday by Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines, at the closing sitting of the Fish and Game Committee of the Legislature.

"I have had the idea in mind for some time," Mr. McCrea declared, "and, while I have not yet consulted the Cabinet in regard to it, I believe it to be a very workable proposition."

Outside Selection.

Mr. McCrea intimated that such a committee would be selected from outside the personnel of the Legislature, and would be given ample scope in which to deal with such matters, of interest to public and Government alike, as the wolf menace; the use of dogs in the hunting of deer; general enforcement of the law and regulations, and the establishment of new open seasons for various classes of animals.

GRANT TO UNIVERSITY BY CITY OF TORONTO FAVORED BY PREMIER

Suggests Following Lon- don's Example as U. of T. Brings Benefit in Local Expenditures Estimated at \$5,000,000 a Year

Thought that the City of Toronto might do well to make a grant to the University of Toronto was expressed in the Ontario Legislature yesterday afternoon by Premier Ferguson.

Opposition members questioned the vote of \$350,000 for Western

University at London, Ont., an increase of \$50,000 over last year. Hon. Mr. Ferguson observed that, while the Government gives a grant as well to the university here, the City of London contributes \$55,000 to the university there. He declared that he had figured out that the fact that a university was in Toronto meant that the City of Toronto benefited in expenditures from that university to the extent of \$5,000,000 a year. It was suggested that Toronto might well, under the circumstances, make a grant to the university.

Any committee appointed, he intimated, would pursue its inquiries along lines similar to those taken by the Macdiarmid Committee in its study of the game-fish situation, and whose report is now in Mr. McCrea's hands. Recommendations of the committee which will be incorporated in this year's game laws, will establish a close season for foxes from March 1 to Oct. 31, and will allow dogs to be used in hunting foxes only during the open season for deer. The daily bag limit for wild ducks, both north and south of the French River, will be reduced from 25 to 15; and the seasonal kill will be reduced from 200 to 150 birds.

Of great importance was the announcement from Hon. Mr. McCrea that the Government will increase the present wolf bounty of \$15, for both brush and timber wolves, to \$25 in municipalities bordering on unorganized territory. Many of these municipalities are losing sheep and suffering financially in various ways from the inroads of the wolves.

Check on Pelts.

Wolves are now appearing in agricultural districts where they have not been seen for years. The increased bounty, said Mr. McCrea, will serve as an extra inducement to farmers and settlers to drive the marauders out. It will be paid, however, only where some municipal official certifies that pelts on which application for bounty is made were taken in the territory in which the kill is claimed. This action, explained the Minister, is being taken as a safeguard against the importation of skins from the Province of Quebec and the State of Minnesota, where a \$15 bounty is in effect.

The Premier referred to the development that has been made in the last 25 years. He observed that the Western University was seeking relief from congestion, as also was Queen's and other educational centres.

In speaking to the expenditures of the Department of Education Mr. Ferguson suggested that the people of the Province did not fully understand the enormous advances made in educational affairs. One might, said he, analyze to advantage the statistics concerning all educational developments, particularly those in regard to vocational, technical and night schools.