

March 28th

## ANGLERS' COMMITTEE TO TALK PROBLEMS WITH GOVERNMENT

Federated Associations Are  
Assured of Move by  
Minister

### DISCUSS CHANNEL FENCING

A special committee, composed of representatives of federated Anglers' Associations in Ontario is to be formed later in the year to discuss with officials of the Provincial Department of Game and Fisheries the problems of fish preservation and stricter enforcement of game laws in the Province, it was announced last night by Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines, in an address before the Toronto Anglers' Association in Foresters' Hall.

Mr. McCrea stressed that a co-operative spirit on the parts of sportsmen, rather than the exactment of penalties for violations, should be the main purpose of game-enforcement laws. He stressed further the conservation side of his department's work, and told members of the association that "if a rod tax is imposed anglers should be glad to pay it to help in bringing about further repletions of fish in Ontario."

#### Valuable Report.

Mr. McCrea commented on the game-fish report tabled in the Legislature yesterday, which, he declared, was of vast value to the department and to all organizations of sportsmen. He remarked that his department was the first of any Province in Canada to employ the aid of a biologist. Dr. McKay, the Department Biologist, was one of three officials who submitted the report.

Mr. McCrea said further, with reference to the report, that it was unavoidable that the report should have been delayed, but that its findings were worth the delay. At a previous meeting the association had gone on record expressing its regret that the report had not been made public sooner.

The postponement of the opening of the bass season from June 15 to July 1 was discussed by Mr. McCrea, who also reviewed the work of the department in fish and game conservation.

#### Fencing Opposed.

Opposition to the fencing of the channel into Emily Lake by the Emily Lake Fur Farms Limited, in Emily Township, was brought up by Russell McIntosh, representing the Bobcaygeon Fish and Game Association, who sought the support of the local association. A resolution proposed giving the fish and game club the support of the Toronto sportsmen was amended, and is to be presented to the Executive Committee of the association.

Mr. McIntosh charged the Department of Game and Fisheries with blundering in consenting to the fencing of the channel. He charged further that the fur company was given the consent of the department to use the former's prospectus for the sale of stock in Great Britain.

Captain Porter of Lindsay represented the fur company, and gave his side of the controversy, purporting to show that the fencing of the channel would not be destructive to the passage of fish, as other provisions had been made.

## GODFREY POSTSCRIPT WAS THOUGHTLESS, IN OPINION OF BRYCE

Evening Paper "Interviews"  
Are Denied by Tory  
M.P.P.'s

### PREMIER READS LETTER

The Godfrey postscript incident was recalled in the Legislature yesterday afternoon, but coupled with it was strong praise for Hon. Dr. Godfrey's efficient administration as Minister of Health and Labor.

Premier Ferguson read to the House a letter he had received from Rev. Peter Bryce. It was as follows:

"Dear Mr. Ferguson:

"I note in the public press this morning your statement concerning the postscript added by Dr. Godfrey in a letter dealing with a mother's allowance case.

#### No Political Advantage.

"As you know, I was Chairman of the Mothers' Allowances Commission for a period of seven years. During the greater part of that time Dr. Godfrey was the Cabinet Minister under whom the Mothers' Allowances Act was administered. I am writing to state that I never once recall an instance on the part of Dr. Godfrey to use the operation of the Mothers' Allowances Act for any political advantage to himself or to the Government.

"I do not think that Dr. Godfrey numbers me among his friends. Since ceasing to be Chairman of the Mothers' Allowances Commission I have not met him. He does not know that I am writing this letter, but I feel it is my duty to do so, as I am satisfied from intimate association with him for four years in the administration of the Mothers' Allowances Act that the postscript does not truly represent him. It must have been written, as you kindly suggested, in a thoughtless moment.

"Faithfully yours,

"Peter Bryce.

"2 Highview Crescent, March 26."

#### Much Desk Pounding.

As he finished Conservative members enthusiastically pounded their desks and Dr. Godfrey glanced about him. Several of his colleagues smiled at him and banged their desks more uproariously than ever.

Just before Mr. Ferguson read the letter, there was another episode recalling the postscript incident, E. J. Murphy, (Conservative, Toronto-St. Patrick's), rose and drew attention to a story in the Star, purporting to be an interview in which he made comments on the Godfrey case. Mr. Murphy emphatically denied that interview had ever taken place, and declared he had not made the statements attributed to him. He read a letter to corroborate his stand.

Russell Nesbitt (Conservative, Toronto-Bracondale) also denied that he had made the statements attributed to him in the Star story. The denials were greeted with applause from their fellow Conservatives.

Mr. Ferguson then stated that since the incident was referred to, it was only fair that he should pass on to the House the letter from Rev. Mr. Bryce.