

Farmers Fight Bill Limiting Poison Sale To Druggists Only

Fear Prices Would Be Increased on Cyanides Used as Basis for Insect Sprays and Powders and Rat-Groundhog Destroyers

AMENDMENT IN THIRD READING

Farmer members of the Ontario Legislature—Government as well as Opposition—have now trained their guns on the Pharmacy Act amendment which would require that calcium cyanide and sodium cyanide be sold only in drug stores in future, and although the amendment has reached the third reading stage in the House there is an increasing demand that it be moved back to committee in order that it can be struck out of the legislation of which it is a part.

Both these poisons form the basic ingredients in many of the agricultural sprays; insect powders, and rat and groundhog destroyers that are commonly used by farmers, and at the present time are sold extensively by hardware and seed stores. To put them on sale in drug stores alone would not only increase prices, so the farmer members of the House contend, but would render accessibility of purchase much more difficult than has been the case in the past.

Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Leader of the Progressive group, is thoroughly aroused over the amendment, and will ask the Minister of Health to moved it to the committee stage. If that is not done he is prepared to bring a resolution before the House to gain his point.

"For the last ten years," Mr. Nixon stated to The Globe yesterday, "we legislators have had to fight against demands of the Pharmacy Board—and the board I understand, is back of the bill—for a monopoly on certain commodities. One has only to look back to 1922, when the board had a monopoly on peroxide and was charging some 30 cents a small bottle for it. After we took that monopoly away from them, the price for this commodity fell away down. We naturally expect, when the board gets a monopoly on a thing, to have the price for it raised 300 per cent."

It is understood that several prominent Conservative members of the House have already waited on the Health Minister asking that the sale of the two drugs be left as it is at present.

FARM DAUGHTERS WOULD GET VOTE UNDER NEW BILL

Licensing Newsboys Is Another Municipal Act Change

ECHO OF CITY ELECTION

Amendments to existing laws affecting such widely divergent interests as newsboys, public utilities, farmers' daughters, victims of auto accidents and county farms are included in bills introduced on behalf of the Government in the Legislature yesterday.

Hon. Leopold Macaulay, Provincial Secretary, introduced several Government amendments to the Municipal Act. One of these amendments will give farmers' daughters the same privileges in voting at municipal elections as has heretofore been enjoyed by farmers' sons. Sons residing on farms with their fathers have enjoyed the right to vote in municipal elections and this will be extended to daughters by the new bill.

Councils May Run Farms.

Another amendment to the act empowers municipalities to license street news vendors and restrict them to selling only daily and weekly newspapers. Amendments to empower County Councils to establish and operate county farms in the interest of agriculture, and, to prevent the double taxation on income in cases where a citizen moves from one community to another, were also introduced.

An echo of the last municipal election, when one of the Toronto candidates was disqualified by reason of the fact that the taxes on an apartment house where he rented an apartment, had not been paid, is found in another amendment to the Municipal Act. This amendment removes the disqualification of tenants

by reason of the fact that landlords have not paid taxes.

Oshawa will be allowed to sell its publicly owned gas plant by an amendment to Public Utilities Act, also introduced by Mr. Macaulay. This amendment provides that a municipality may dispose of public utilities in whole or part. In the case of a Hydro public utility, however, the consent of the commission must be obtained.

All United States insurance companies doing business in Ontario will have to come to Ontario courts to fight claims against their policyholders arising out of automobile accidents in this Province, irrespective of where the policy was placed. If such insurance companies do not comply with this rule their license to do business in Ontario will be cancelled. This is the effect of the amendment to the Insurance Act made by Attorney-General Price in the Legislature yesterday. About one-half of the insurance companies licensed to write automobile insurance are United States concerns. The purpose of the act is to make such companies contest the claim against their insured arising out of automobile accidents with United States cars in Ontario, here,

and under the same laws as if the policy had been issued here. This regulation will apply also to Ontario insurance companies when they place insurance outside the Province.

Corrects Paper's Report.

Before the orders of the day were called yesterday J. A. Sangster (Liberal, Glangarry) asked permission to correct a report appearing in a morning paper regarding his speech on the Budget Tuesday night. He denied that he had assailed highway expenditures at Alexandria, in his riding.

The Hospital Bill was not taken up in committee at the request of William E. N. Sinclair, Liberal House Leader, who asked that it be left over until Dr. L. J. Simpson (Liberal, Simcoe Centre), who had been called away to a funeral, should return.

Reading in committee of a Government bill providing a three months' penalty for parents failing to maintain their children, elicited from Hon. Harry C. Nixon the query: "Are they going to look after their children better in jail?"

As a sequel to court difficulties over the Jarvis Street extension, a bill to amend the Local Improvement Act was given second reading. Its sponsor, Fred G. McBrien (Conservative, Toronto-Brockton) explained that the purpose of the bill was to bring under the local improvement provisions the opening of a new street. It will also define the opening of the new street and the grading as one work. At present under the act these are considered as two separate works, necessitating separate by-laws.

Soldiers' Aid Commission Reorganized by Cabinet

Rearrangement of the personnel of the Soldiers' Aid Commission of this Province was announced last night, following Cabinet Council, by Hon. William G. Martin, Minister of Public Welfare.

This Commission has been recently transferred to the Welfare Department from the Department of the Attorney-General, and Mr. Martin now succeeds Hon. William H. Price as Chairman of the body.

The other officers, whose appointments have been approved by Government Order-in-Council, are: Major-Gen. Victor A. S. Williams, Major W. G. Blair of Perth, Captain Alex. McFarlane of Hamilton, Captain Harold Tolley of Sault Ste. Marie, Mrs. Arthur VanKoughnet of Toronto, and Captain Calvert Stonehouse of Wallaceburg.

The first meeting of the reorganized Commission will be held at an early date.

Higher Wolf Bounty

Notice of an amendment to Ontario's Wolf Bounty Act is now standing on the Legislature order paper, and rumors heard around Queen's Park corridors are to the effect that Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines, proposes to raise the present bounty to a flat rate of \$25 for every adult wolf, either timber or brush, taken in the Province.