

INSURANCE POLICY PAYABLE TO ONTARIO EXEMPT FROM TAX

So Amendment Sponsored
by Provincial Treas-
urer Provides

NEW HEALTH MEASURE

New amendments to the Succession Duties Act—amendments of which Hon. Edward A. Dunlop, Provincial Treasurer, gave notice to the Legislature yesterday—it is understood will exempt gifts up to the value of \$500 and annuities up to \$100, and will permit life insurance to be taken out to pay succession duties where the policy is made over to the Treasurer of Ontario, such insurance to be also exempted from the tax, and to be added to the value of the estate.

The amendments also provide that titles in property, stocks and bonds cannot pass without the consent of the Provincial Treasurer.

The Province will, it is understood, lose considerable revenue through operation of the amendments, but this loss will be offset by a general improvement in the collection of duties.

Another important Government measure was given notice of yesterday by Hon. Dr. J. M. Robb, Minister of Health. It is a bill that would, it is understood, amend the Public Health Act to make it permissive for the establishment throughout the Province of district or county health units by way of replacement of the present township Boards of Health arrangement. The bill will be merely introduced, however, and withdrawn, it being the intention of the Government during the interim, it is reported, to educate the general public to the value of the legislation, so that it may be reintroduced for enactment at the 1932 session of the Legislature.

Premier Henry also gave notice of a bill which would clear up a little pavement tangle between the Queen Victoria-Niagara Falls Park Commission and the municipality of Bridgeburg. Both parties desire to proceed with the pavement, and it is only a question of technical detail that is now holding up construction.

McBrien's New Ballot Bears Liberal's Name

The sample of the "foolproof" Mayoralty ballot submitted to the Municipal Law Committee which is to be incorporated in F. G. McBrien's bill to amend the Municipal Act contained the name of John P. Carter. Mr. Carter was a candidate for Alderman from Ward 2, and plans after his first unsuccessful attempt to continue his effort to seek election to the City Council.

That his name should be placed on a sample of a "foolproof" ballot by such a prominent Conservative as Mr. McBrien has inspired Mr. Carter, who is Liberal in his tendencies, to serve notice on Mayor Stewart that he might even, within a short time, enter a contest for the highest office in the gift of the citizens.

Hydro Amendment Gets Second Reading Under Sinclair's Fire

NEW REGULATIONS ON GASOLINE PUMPS

May Not Be Placed Within
Eight Feet of High-
way Limits

MUST BE REGISTERED

General clarification and tightening up of regulations which apply to gasoline pumps under the provisions of the Highway Improvement Act, is provided for in a new schedule which has been approved by the Ontario Government by Order-in-Council, and was made public yesterday by Premier George S. Henry.

The new schedule of regulations is, in part, as follows:

"The erection or operation of gasoline pumps upon the highway or within 25 feet thereof is hereby prohibited, unless and until permission in writing shall have been obtained from the road authority therefor.

"No gasoline pumps shall be replaced or their location altered within the limits of the highway.

"The erection of a gasoline pump within eight feet of the limits of the highway is prohibited.

"The erection or operation of a gasoline pump at any point where, in the opinion of the road authority, it would create a menace to the travelling public is prohibited.

"Every gasoline pump situated within the limits of the highway or within 25 feet thereof shall be registered annually with the road authority before the same is operated.

"The road authority shall issue for each gasoline pump so registered a numbered permit stating that such gasoline pump is registered in accordance with these regulations and shall cause the name of the owner of such pump, his address and the number of his permit to be entered in a book to be kept for such purpose.

"The following fees shall be paid for each calendar year or portion thereof for each pump: (a) Where a gasoline pump and equipment is entirely on the owner's property and at least eight feet from the limits of the highway, \$5; (b) where the gasoline pump is within the limits of the highway or within eight feet thereof, \$25."

Pumps which are 68 feet or more from the centre line of the King's Highway will be exempt from taxation.

Two Other Government Bills, on Cemetery Act and Rented Storage Batteries, Hotly Debated Before They Are Passed On

LEGISLATION UNFAIR SAYS OPPOSITION

Three Government bills got a rough passage through second readings in the Ontario Legislature yesterday. One Government bill, to provide for Police Court action against persons retaining rented storage batteries, received its severest buffeting from the Conservative ranks. The two other bills most hotly debated at second reading were, one to amend the Power Commission Act and another to amend the Cemetery Act.

Although Hon. J. R. Cooke, Acting Chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, said the principle of the amendment was to simplify the method of acquiring easements for towers in transmission lines, and also to treat more generously the farmers on whose land the towers were placed, the bill drew the fire of William E. N. Sinclair, Liberal House Leader.

"Not Anxious to Inform."

Mr. Sinclair denounced the manner in which this and other Hydro amendments were drawn by the Commission's Legal Department. He complained that the bill was a series of amendments, and, unlike other bills, did not contain an explanatory note nor state how the amended sections would now read. "It bears out what I said yesterday," declared the Opposition Leader. "The Commission is not too anxious to give this Legislature information. These amendments would be unintelligible to most members."

Considering the clauses which changed the method of arbitration between the Commission and the property owners in the matter of easement for transmission lines, Mr. Sinclair noted that it provided for the appointment of a valuator, who should determine compensation for land or damages where agreements have not been reached between property owners and the Commission, and an appeal to a Supreme Court Judge within thirty days after the valuator has fixed compensation.

Attacks Thirty-Day Clause.

He denounced a clause which required that claims against the Commission must be made within thirty days, and pointed out that it was left to the discretion of the valuator as to whether compensation should be given if the claim had not been made within thirty days. Also, when a claim had not been made in that period, an appeal could be made from the valuator by the Commission, but not by the owner.

"Did you ever hear of any legislation so unfair?" he asked. He continued to charge that in arranging compensation for damages Commission employees showed no consideration for the farmers. "Some of them

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