

REDUCTION URGED IN INTEREST RATES TO BRING RELIEF

Mimico Deputation Inter-views Premier—Administration of Finances

OPPOSITION TO BOARD

When representatives of Mimico Town Council appeared before Premier G. S. Henry yesterday afternoon asking that the proposal to appoint a Board of Supervisors to administer the town's finances be not immediately acted upon, and that steps be taken to relieve the situation by securing a reduction in bank interest rates on loans and municipal debentures, Mr. Henry promised to bring the situation before his colleagues in the Cabinet without delay.

Reception Impresses.

"I was deeply impressed with the reception we received from Mr. Henry, who showed that he was much concerned over the situation," declared Deputy Reeve W. A. Edwards. The deputy explained the opposition to having a Board of Supervisors appointed, and said that, although the Council would have the privilege of submitting several names for the board, two of which would be selected by the Government, the choice was ultimately not made by the municipality itself. "It is an indirect way of taking the complete control of the municipality away from the taxpayers themselves," he stated. He claimed that the entire process aimed at transferring the first claim on the municipality from the bondholders, disorganized as they were, to the banks. "It is time that the bondholders woke up to what is actually being done," he added.

Relief in Mimico.

The deputation requested that the Government take over 100 per cent. of the cost of relief in Mimico and effect an equalization of school taxation, irrespective of municipal boundaries. It was asked that legislation be introduced which would set up a common ratio between the City of Toronto and its urban suburbs in the matter of responsibility for all public services shared in common by the municipalities concerned.

"No solution is to be found in transferring the administration and control from the elected Municipal Council, with its intimate knowledge of local problems, to a Board of Supervisors," the Premier was told by Mayor A. Norris.

The Globe was informed last night that everything will be well in Mimico until the debenture payment next month is actually defaulted. What will happen then depends largely on what action the bondholders may take.

COMPULSORY VOTING SOUGHT BY SINCLAIR

Also Wants Legislation to Abolish Grand Jury System

Several most important bills will be sponsored in the Ontario Legislature by W. E. N. Sinclair, K.C., Liberal House Leader, and notice of motion has already been given of his intention. Compulsory voting legislation, which would require every one who holds a franchise to use or lose it; abolition of the Grand Jury system; and a law to compel pedestrians walking on highways at night to carry a light, are three of the feature proposals.

Mr. Sinclair would also make it possible for an elector who is left off the voters' list to secure a vote by obtaining a certificate that he is on the assessment roll.

The Liberal House Leader is also sponsoring a bill that would give every city in the Province power to elect a Board of Control. Some of the larger cities now have the right and Boards of Control are part of the municipal government, but many of the smaller and more recently incorporated cities desire to be empowered with the legislation.

It is the purpose of an amendment tabled by Mr. Sinclair that tax-exempt Indian lands, when rented, are to become liable for taxation. A bill to provide for the election of a member of a Board of Education when an elected representative to that body resigns within one month of his election, is another before the House. Hitherto the board could name a person to fill the vacated post.

SEEK INFORMATION FROM GOVERNMENT ON ABITIBI DEAL

Query Indicates Desire to Delve Deeply Into Matter

COMMENT ON SPEECH

Progressives again led the day at yesterday's session of the Legislature with a bombardment of questions to the Henry Government which seek to throw light on the Abitibi Canyon deal and to bring information on operations of the Barrie Packing Plant. The latter question was placed by F. R. Oliver (U.F.O., Grey South).

The tabled query by D. J. Taylor (Progressive, Grey South) asks on what date the Government offered to take over the Abitibi Development from the Ontario Power Service Corporation; the terms of the offer; if the offer has been accepted and deal completed; the total obligation incurred by the Province; and, lastly, the names and addresses of the bondholders, and the amounts each held of the bonds of the Ontario Power Service Corporation involved in the deal.

Matter of Conjecture.

While the appearance of Mr. Taylor's questions indicate in Queen's Park circles a desire on part of the Opposition to delve deeply into the Abitibi, no resolution asking for tabling of Abitibi contracts, and all correspondence thereon, has appeared. It is felt certain, however, and members voice the opinion, that such a demand will be made upon the Government when the placing of the resolution before the House will not preclude the Opposition from discussing the purchase by the Government of the Northern project after it went into the hands of receivers.

Premier Henry has stated that he will deal with the entire question of Abitibi on Tuesday, but just what he will have to say is a matter of conjecture. He refused to discuss the question of power in the North when asked by the press on Thursday the significance of the reference in an advance statement issued by A. C. Burt (Norfolk) to certain papers.

That part of the prepared speech of Dr. Burt regarding Hydro was not delivered, and members declare it was omitted at the request of the Government. Premier Henry told The Globe that no such request came from him.