

SINCLAIR REFRAINS FROM CASTING VOTE ON NIXON MEASURE

Too Many Elections, Is Liberal House Leader's Explanation

RECALLS 1930 SUPPORT

Liberal House Leader Sinclair declared in a statement handed to The Globe yesterday that he purposely refrained from voting in the division on the Nixon amendment to the Legislative Assembly Act because he had consistently opposed too frequent elections. The proposed legislation, defeated by a large majority, would have reduced the present statutory term for the life of the Legislature (as enacted in 1930) from five to four years.

J. A. Sangster (Liberal, Glengarry) also refrained from casting his vote, and told The Globe last night that he thought there were too many elections. "There were three elections—in 1923, 1926 and 1929—all to no purpose," the Glengarry member stated. "There are altogether too many elections, with the waste of time and money. I favor the five-year term, but did not feel inclined to vote against Mr. Nixon."

S. C. Tweed (Liberal, Waterloo North) was not in his seat during the division and would not comment on his absence. Earl Hutchinson (Labor, Kenora) was out of the House prior and during the vote. He explained that it so happened that he had important business with a Provincial department in the East Block, which took him away.

When asked why he did not vote, Mr. Sinclair did not choose to be interviewed, but handed The Globe the following statement:

"At the last election, I criticized the Government for holding elections so often, and personally advocated fixed periods for elections. I did not oppose the bill extending the life of the Legislature, in 1930. I am not so hypocritical that I can today, vote for a bill repealing a bill I did not oppose in 1930. And so I refrained from voting. Dissolution of the Legislature is the prerogative of the Crown and I do not presume to suggest to his Majesty's representative when he should exercise his prerogative."

McCrea Sees Merit In Osteopaths Bill

While strong opposition was heard at Queen's Park yesterday to the proposed amendment to the Medical Act, which would give the title "doctor" to osteopaths and grant them certain other privileges, Hon. Charles McCrea, Chairman of the Legal Committee of the House, which is handling the bill, saw some merit in the requests. Mr. McCrea declared that there was a strong body of opinion in the Province which felt that the osteopath should be recognized more than he had been. He ruled that the committee would make its report to the Legislature, and decision was deferred.

HOSPITAL GRANTS REDUCED IN BILL

Amendment Introduced by Robb Refers to Those for Incurables

Municipal grants to hospitals for incurables are reduced from \$1.75 a day to \$1.50 a day in an amendment to the Public Hospitals Act, brought down in the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Hon. Dr. J. M. Robb, Provincial Minister of Health. A corresponding amendment is made the statute to lessen the liability of the Province to these hospitals, and, in addition, the municipality liability for babies of indigent persons born in hospitals is reduced from 90 cents to 70 cents per day.

In lessening the liability of the Province to coincide with the new provisions, as noted above, it is stated that no Provincial aid should be granted to any hospital for incurables where such hospital receives in respect of a patient a sum exceeding \$1.50 a day.

Of course, the \$1.75 rating under this clause remains the same for all other hospitals. There is, however, a section which empowers the Government to make deductions from the statutory amounts due to hospitals for Provincial aid.

An amendment to the Sanitaria for Consumptives Act, also introduced by Dr. Robb, provides that the Government may make deductions from any statutory amount due to any sanitarium for Provincial aid as may be deemed necessary.

CHANGES PROPOSED, COMPENSATION ACT

Nixon Amendment Would Abolish Superannuation System

Power under the Workmen's Compensation Act to establish a superannuation fund for employees of the board out of the Accident Fund would be taken away under provisions of an amendment to this statute as introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Progressive Leader.

The Progressive Leader has claimed that a provision was "slipped in" the act during the dying days of the 1932 session which permitted the use of moneys paid into the fund for injured workmen to be used to set up the employees' superannuation fund.

Mr. Nixon's bill also proposes to take away from the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council the right to fix salaries of the Compensation Board and to leave it with the Legislature. The terms of the amendment then goes on to effect reductions as follows: Chairman, from \$14,000 to \$7,000; Vice-Chairman, \$9,000 to \$6,000; and Commissioners, \$8,000 to \$5,500.

Attorney-General Price also introduced a bill to amend the act, and proposes certain adjustment of rates, decreasing them when an industry's record is good, and increasing them when many accidents are reported by any one industry.

Redistribution Bill Details Left to Special Committee

Premier Henry introduced the Redistribution Bill shortly before the House adjourned yesterday afternoon. It proposes to reduce the membership of the House to some ninety-three representatives from its present strength of 112, and brought down in blanket form with details to be left to a special committee of the House. The draft was rushed off to the printers immediately after it was tabled, and later, Premier Henry indicated, when speaking to The Globe, that the measure would be given its second reading and the committee named this week.

"Are we to take it that the Opposition can put as many members on this committee as it sees fit?" asked Hon. Harry Nixon, Progressive Leader, when Mr. Henry introduced the measure.

Mr. Henry—I suppose the Opposition can put all its members on the committee if it wants to, but we will enlarge our representation accordingly.

Mr. Nixon—It was my idea that we could discuss the whole thing here in the House.

Mr. Henry—No. Let it go to the committee in the regular way; it will not be considered by the House until the committee reports.

Families Being Moved North Will Number 250 This Year

Two hundred and fifty families will be moved North during this spring and summer under the back-to-the-land movement of the Department of Northern Development at Queen's Park, the Colonization Committee of the Ontario Legislature was told yesterday. William Magladery, Secretary of the Relief Lands Settlement Board, explained to the committee that this quota had been found neces-

sary on account of the reduction in the estimates to a figure of \$75,000 for the current year.

Encouraging reports were heard regarding 210 families already sent North from 26 municipalities throughout the Province. Efforts will be made to check the amount of land still held by war veterans, as it was indicated that several men had left their holdings without notice.