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SERVICE STATION BILL TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A proposed amendment to the Municipal Act which would empower cities to prohibit gasoline service stations from selling automobile accessories in certain sections, and to allow the municipalities to define garages under the act, was referred to a special committee of the Ontario Legislature yesterday.

The bill originated out of discussions in Toronto City Council when it was found that the city could not set up these restrictions on gasoline and oil companies.

The special committee was named by Hon. William Finlayson, Chairman of the Municipal Committee, and Louis Cote (Conservative, Ottawa East) was chosen as its Chairman. Several representatives of local firms and Toronto city officials were heard before the subcommittee was named.

The special group was instructed to draft a clause protecting the cities, but it was declared that the legislation would be optional on the part of the various municipalities of the Province.

19 BILLS ARE READ IN UNDER HALF-HOUR

Assessment Act Amendment Undergoes Its Second Reading

HUNGRY CATTLE SLAIN?

In less than one-half hour yesterday the Legislature passed some nineteen bills through their final stage, the third reading. These included amendments to the Deserted Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act; the Fire Marshal's Act; the Old-Age Pensions Act; the Act Respecting Collection Agencies; and the Act Respecting the Ontario Institute of Radio Therapy, which validates the agreements entered into with respect to cancer clinics.

Other public bills were read the third time, while the private bills were minor ones. The Mortgagers' and Purchasers' Relief Act reached the committee stage, where it was left pending some minor amendments.

An amendment to the Assessment Act to provide that where a man has more than one residence the income tax should be collected in that municipality where he lives the majority of the year was read a second time.

Thomas Bell (Conservative, Bellwoods), in explaining the purpose of the bill, said that he had a list of six cases, involving some \$265,000, which would be affected.

Stenographers' Act.

Second reading also was given to an amendment to the Stenographers' Act, whereby stenographic reporters would be termed chartered reporters rather than chartered stenographers. A slight amendment to the Conditional Sales Act was also read a second time.

At the opening of the day's sitting, Dr. G. A. McQuibban (Liberal, Wellington Northeast) referred to a newspaper article which told of cattle having to be slain in the Sturgeon Falls area because of lack of fodder. He had received a letter stating the Northern Development Branch was to give relief, but there had been some delay.

Attorney-General Price explained that the report had been looked into carefully, and that there apparently was some truth to it. The matter had been turned over to the Northern Development Branch to make some provision for such cases, and he was unaware that there had been any delay. But inquiries would be made, he promised.

References to Hockey.

D. M. Ross (Progressive, Oxford North) took the opportunity to observe that the Drumbo hockey team in his constituency had won the Rural Ontario Hockey Association Cup, presented by Premier Henry. In so doing they had defeated a team from the riding of his Leader, Hon. Harry C. Nixon, representing St. George.

Colonel Price referred to the junior teams from Stratford, Sudbury and Newmarket, and the honor they brought the Province. Mr. Nixon said that, while he was disappointed, the Drumbo team had won on its merits. Brant County had not done so badly during the past year, as it had won the Hepburn Trophy for men's softball, and the St. George team had won the cup he himself had put up for ladies' softball.

QUESTIONS IN HOUSE

Information Sought on Highway Financing and Brewers' Warehouses

IMPLEMENT CRITICISM

Another batch of inquiries tending to further implement the Opposition's criticism of the Henry Administration at Queen's Park were tabled in the Ontario Legislature yesterday. S. C. Tweed (Liberal, Waterloo North) seeks much information on highway financing, and W. D. Medd (Progressive, Huron South) questions regarding brewers' warehouses and the exportation of cheese.

Mr. Tweed's inquiries follow:

What amount of money has been borrowed and charged to capital account up to Oct. 31, 1932, for construction of highways?

What has been the total amount borrowed by the Province for the financing of Provincial highways for the years 1924 to 1932, both inclusive? What provision by way of sinking fund, or otherwise, has been made to provide for the repayment of the amount so borrowed?

What amount has been set aside for highway debt-retirement since the inauguration of the debt-retirement scheme?

Mr. Medd's questions regarding brewers' warehouses are as follows:

To whom has the Ontario Liquor Control Board allotted brewers' warehouse licenses in Toronto, Ottawa, London, Windsor, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Brantford, Chatham, St. Thomas, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, North Bay, Fort William, Port Arthur, Walkerville, Oshawa, Brockville and East Windsor? Who owns each warehouse? Do the breweries pay fees to the licensees in order to have their beer sold through the warehouses? If so, how much are the fees paid? Who receives these fees, the Ontario Liquor Control Board or the licensee? How much does each licensee receive per case on all beer sold through his warehouse, and to whom does this money go? Do the brewers pay the cost or percentage of cost of operating these warehouses? Who appoints the staffs of these warehouses? Who sets their rate of pay, and who pays them? What is the average wage paid in each of the warehouses named in question No. 1?

The South Huron member's questions regarding cheese exportation are:

What was the quantity of cheese exported by the Ontario Marketing Board in (a) 1931, (b) 1932? What were the total receipts for the cheese exported in (a) 1931, (b) 1932? What was the cost per pound of marketing the cheese exported by the Ontario Marketing Board during (a) 1931, (b) 1932?