

40 Final Readings Achieved by House In Last Half-Hour

**Election Might Increase
Number of Members
Who Will Not Return
to Queen's Park—Re-
distribution Accounts
for Twenty-two**

PROROGATION SET FOR TUESDAY NEXT

What may or may not have been the last session of the Eighteenth Legislature came to a close yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock, after a hectic half-hour, in which some forty pieces of legislation were given the third and final reading. Should it be the last session before an election, many of its members have sat in the Legislative Chamber for their last time. Twenty-two are automatically eliminated by the redistribution, while it is possible to hazard the guess that the electors will dispose of many more. Only a "lame-duck" session will allow these to sit another session.

The session just concluded—although official prorogation does not take place until Tuesday at 3 o'clock—was one fraught with contentious matters, with the debates about the purchase of the Abitibi Power Plant and Hydro salaries overshadowing all else. Next in importance came the Redistribution Bill, and the Mortgagees' and Purchasers' Relief Bill.

Many Important Bills.

Most important of the many matters rushed through yesterday were the Redistribution Bill; the bill to ratify the Abitibi deal; the Unemployment Relief Bill; and the bill to provide for the spending of \$40,000,000 out of the consolidated revenues of the Province. This latter is to provide for the Government spending the moneys it may require to spend before another session.

These and the other bills to be given the final endorsement had, of course, been considered in their various stages previously. They only require Royal assent now to become law. Here and there was the last-minute adjustment to make to some clause, but there were no material alterations. The forty-odd bills were all given their third readings in the last fifteen minutes. Other business of the day, besides the Hydro debates, included the approving of the resolutions setting aside certain estimates for the various departments.

Good-Humored Members.

The legislators, for the most part, were in good humor, and there was considerable good-natured banter. All afternoon the members were cleaning out their desks and gathering their belongings in preparation for their departure.

Here and there one could see members with grave mien, lost in retrospection; these were usually ones whose ridings had been eliminated by the redistribution. They realized that they might be sitting in their accustomed seats for the last time, and some of them have occupied them for a goodly number of years. Many of the members had left Wednesday night, and others departed whenever their trains were ready yesterday.

The usual amenities at the close of the session were observed, and Opposition and Government members—who for some weeks have been hurling verbal darts at one another—fraternized as they bid each and all good-bye.

Government Eulogized.

Just a few minutes prior to adjournment, Joseph St. Denis (Conservative, Prescott), one of the French-Canadian members of the House, rose to eulogize the Conservative Government, and to remark on the manner in which it had sponsored better feeling between the English and French speaking citizens. He thought the Redistribution Committee had done its job fairly. He then referred to the fact that a portion of his riding was joined to Glengarry.

"It looks as if I will have to put on kilts and go to see my friend in Glengarry," he remarked, referring to J. A. Sangster, the veteran Liberal member. "I won't be afraid to wear them. My legs aren't very long," he said.

Mr. Sangster also rose to state that he was satisfied with the redistribution, and said that his own Glengarry had been fairly treated.

Metropolitan Areas To Be Investigated, Premier Announces

**Special Committee of
Legislature Will Study
Developments Around
Toronto, Ottawa, Ham-
ilton, Windsor and
Other Cities**

MUNICIPAL EXPERTS TO GIVE ASSISTANCE

Appointment of a special committee, to consist of some members of the Legislature and some municipal experts, to go fully into the advisability of setting up metropolitan areas in the Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton and Windsor districts has been decided upon by the Government, Premier Henry announced yesterday in the Legislature just prior to adjournment.

"Just before we adjourn there is something I would like to advise the House. The Government thinks that there should be some study made of metropolitan developments in the districts around large cities. We purpose appointing a committee, consisting of some members of this House, and others particularly interested in municipal affairs to go into the matter," he stated.

"Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton and Windsor especially, if not others as well, should be included in this study. As members know, for some years I was somewhat an advocate of metropolitan areas around large cities. More recently my time has been so much occupied by other things, that I have not been able to deal with it, but the situation has been accentuated by the relief situation—the situation which has developed around some cities.

"A close study of the matter would be of value to this House, and ultimately to the areas around such cities as might be affected by the legislation," the Premier concluded.