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## **Councils on English Pattern Sought for Ontario, in Bill**

Councils modelled after the English pattern would be permitted to Ontario cities, under a bill to be presented to the Legislature this week by Argue Martin (Conservative, Hamilton West).

Under the legislation, offered as an amendment to the Municipal Act, local governments could be so reorganized that only Aldermen would be elected by popular vote, with Mayor and Controllers appointed from among them after the election. Aldermen would hold office for four-year terms, with half the Council retiring every two years, so that biennial elections would replace the present annual ones. On completion of a four-year term, Aldermen would be prohibited from seeking re-election for another similar period. Vacancies would be filled by by-election, unless they occurred within the last three months of the term of office

For inauguration of the system, a

by-law would be presented to electors on receipt of a petition bearing 500 names. If adopted, the new system would remain in effect for at least five years before reversion to the old method could be effected.

Mr. Martin had long City Council experience before his election to the Legislature, and the bill embodies his remedies to present weaknesses in municipal government.

## **Hours of Bakers Reduced in Bill**

Reduction of the baker's working day is contemplated under legislation of which notice was given in the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Hon. Dr. J. M. Robb, Minister of Health and Labor. The amendment to the Factory and Shop Act would cut hours of labor from 60 to 56, and would prohibit Sunday work for those men on the 3 p.m. to midnight shift. Double shifts would be eliminated. The bill will not affect those bakers working the regular eight-hour day and six-day week.