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OAKLEY BILL SENT BACK TO SPONSOR

Toronto Member Would
License Shops Sell-
ing Oil

Licensing laws, steadily extending under the annual flood of legislation, finally drew a protest in the Ontario Legislature yesterday, when the House refused second reading to a bill from George Oakley (Conservative, Toronto-Riverdale) calling for licensing of shops, other than garages and service stations, which sell motor oil.

First Hon. Harry Nixon, Progressive Leader, considered that "we're going a long way with licensing," and objected to the House's practice of "approving the principle of something it's disapproves, and sending the matter on to a committee." From the Government side, Hon. William Finlayson found himself in unwonted agreement with Mr. Nixon. "This is one of those irksome, amazing forms of licensing which we shouldn't encourage," he said.

Another bill sent back to its sponsor was that of Dr. L. W. Freele (Conservative, Middlesex South) applying, said Dr. Freele, to the particular case of the Village of Belmont, which was situated in two counties and three townships. Hon. Harry Nixon, however, saw the measure as widely effective legislation, and it will come back in amended form.

Measures which received second reading yesterday and were forwarded to committee included a bill from Arthur Ellis (Conservative, Ottawa South), fixing a maximum fee for weighing of coal and coke, and bills from J. P. Moore (London North), enabling the blind to vote with a friend's aid, changing Library Board elections in certain municipalities and extending advance polls. Second reading was given also to private bills of York Township, Forest Hill, Teck Township and Chatham.

OPPOSITION QUERIES LAST ONTARIO LOAN

Henry Gives Hipel Desired
Information—Other
Questions

Another Opposition query drew information from the Government yesterday about Ontario's recent \$40,000,000 loan.

Answering N. O. Hipel (Liberal, Waterloo South), Premier Henry said that the Advisory Committee, consisting of A. J. L. Haskell, H. J. Coon and F. W. Kerr, first was consulted last Nov. 9. The proposed issuance of the loan received continued attention during November and December, with the bond market under careful survey for a favorable moment of issue. Final plans were completed, and instructions given to proceed, on Jan. 13.

To a question from Liberal House Leader McQuibban about Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway interest, Premier Henry replied that the T. and N. O. was a Provincial enterprise not operated for earning interest on investment, but to give service to the community and open up the country. Payments by the railway out of surplus earnings amounted to \$850,000 in 1930, \$850,000 in 1931, \$400,000 in 1932 and \$50,000 in 1933. The cost of the interest to the Province, calculated at 4 per cent., would amount to \$1,208,317 per annum.

Gasoline tax revenue during the last fiscal year was \$13,458,105, the Premier told D. M. Ross (Progressive, Oxford North). The sum of \$829,048 was rebated to users of gasoline for other than highway purposes. For collecting the tax, commissions totaling \$223,519 were allowed, at a rate of 1.66 per cent. T. A. Blakelock (Liberal, Halton) was told by the Premier that no figures were available on unemployment at any particular date. The Halton member had asked figures for Jan. 1, 1934, and the same date in 1933.