

March 28

CHANGES INTRODUCED IN MARKETING ACT

Macaulay's Measure Would Correct Bootleg Gaso- line Situation

Ontario Marketing Act changes necessitated by the new Federal legislation were introduced in the Provincial Parliament yesterday by Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture. They were technical in character.

The bootleg gasoline situation may be corrected to some extent under a measure introduced by Hon. Leopold Macaulay, Minister of Highways. As explained to the House in response to Opposition request, Mr. Macaulay stated that a large number of gasoline stations were springing up, handling, in the main, bootleg gas. They collected the gasoline tax, but, just before they were due to turn it over to the Government, they "folded up." This, the Minister held, was an injustice to bona fide companies who were playing the game.

Hon. William Finlayson presented an amendment to the Forest Fires Prevention Act, empowering the Provincial Forester to refuse a permit to any person convicted of an offense under the section until such person posts a satisfactory bond.

BEER BILL IS TERMED JUST SMOKE SCREEN

East Kent Member Explains Why He Voted for Measure

Explaining his vote in favor of the beer bill in the Legislature last night, D. M. Campbell, the new Liberal member for Kent East, stated:

"In view of the tremendous majority of this Government it is utterly useless for me to oppose this bill, no matter what my personal convictions may be. I feel that the liquor question is one which should be entirely removed from politics. It has been made a political football on many occasions.

"It is peculiar that a Government which has for the last ten years had sufficient majority at all times to carry out any policy it might desire, should at the last moment bring in a bill of this kind.

"There is only one answer, it is being used as a smoke screen to cover up the record of an administration that has not been in the interest of the masses of the common people.

"In supporting this bill, I do so for the purpose of removing this issue from the realm of party politics."

GARNISHEE MEASURES GET DETAILED STUDY

Special Committee Named for Frank Wilson's Bills

The four bills by which Frank Wilson (Conservative, Windsor East) proposes to improve the employee's position in a Division Court garnishment action, and increase the exemption clauses of the Execution Act, will be studied by a special committee appointed at the instance of Hon. Charles McCrea at a meeting of the Legal Bills Committee yesterday.

Insisting that the measures required detailed study, Mr. McCrea appointed W. E. N. Sinclair, K.C. (Liberal, Ontario South), Wilfrid Heighington (Conservative, St. David's), A. B. Smith (Conservative, Essex South), Argue Martin (Conservative, Hamilton West) and Mr. Wilson to the special body, which will study the principles involved in the measures during the recess.

Speaking on the enactment which would prevent garnishment prior to the granting of a judgment in favor of the creditor, William Morrison (Conservative, Hamilton East) protested that continual garnishees meant the loss of the employee's job. The member from Hamilton charged that some firms buy up debts and "then drive the men ragged." A. B. Smith, speaking for the bill, declared: "I think the whole principle of permitting garnishees to be served without a judgment is wrong."