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RACING BOARD PLAN DROPPED BY PROVINCE

Curb on Commissions Within Trades An- nounced by Premier

The already legalized Provincial Architects Act Board and the proposed Racing Commission are understood to have been knifed at Queen's Park yesterday when Premier Hepburn announced a curb on any more extra-Governmental bodies.

The Premier in yesterday's Legislature said very definitely that the Government was going to put a curb on Commissions. The Provincial Architects Act, which was passed last year, is reported to be due for repeal under the Premier's fiat. It enabled the profession to set up a Board of Examiners.

Also reported to be knifed is the Racing Commission, which was seriously considered last summer at Queen's Park. The Premier's statement of yesterday was read as definite indication that no Racing Commission will be set up in the near future by his Government.

When a bill giving will powers to the Land Surveyors' Association was introduced for second reading and sent to committee, Premier Hepburn and Conservative Leader George Henry joined in condemning the principle involved, and Mr. Hepburn hinted that not only would such powers be withheld in future, but that such authority already granted in the case of one vocation—which he did not name—might soon be taken away.

This was taken, not only as the pronouncement of Government policy upon the principle involved, but also as an indication that the Land Surveyors Bill would have difficulty passing committee.

Last week the same principle was debated during discussion of a similar bill involving the funeral-directing profession, and at that time members on both sides of the House agreed that a tribunal of appeal against the decisions of arbitrary boards and Commissions was necessary.

SOLICITORS ACT TO BE AMENDED

Bill Would Regulate Legal Documents

A bill was introduced in the Ontario Legislature yesterday by H. J. Kirby, Liberal member for Toronto-Eglinton, amending the Solicitors Act to provide that all deeds, mortgages, wills and other legal documents must be drawn up by a duly qualified solicitor.

Although no explanation of the measure was given, it was understood the bill was designed to prevent employees of trust companies who are not enrolled as members of the Law Society of Upper Canada from performing numerous legal functions, especially in regard to estates.

Another clause of the amending bill provides that no corporation "shall give, or offer, or hold itself out as being willing to give, or provide, or procure advice with respect to legal rights, obligations or remedies, or to render, or procure, or provide" any of the legal services mentioned above.

HUNTERS' RIGHTS MAY BE CURBED

The activities of hunters throughout the more settled counties of Southern Ontario are expected to be restricted as a result of discussion in the Legislature yesterday on a bill introduced by C. M. Macfie, Liberal member for Middlesex South.

The bill provides that hunters be liable to a fine not exceeding \$10 for trespassing upon the property of any farmer or other landowner in Middlesex County in the course of their hunting, without having first secured the permission of the owner. An exception is made for rabbit hunters between Dec. 1 and Feb. 15. It was sent on to the Fish and Game Committee.