

Students Are Hired For Medical Work, Charges North M.L.A.

Kirkland Lake Physician,
Making \$100,000 a Year
Out of Mine Practice,
Buys Services of Juniors,
Rowlandson Alleges

STATEMENT QUESTIONED

One hundred thousand dollars a year, according to John Rowlandson, Lib., South Cochrane, is what a certain Kirkland Lake physician makes annually out of his medical contract with the mines of his district.

"And what's more," says Mr. Rowlandson, "he spends his winters in Europe or in the South. He comes down to Toronto and hires some medical students to do his work for him while he travels."

Mr. Rowlandson's startling statements were made yesterday before the Legal Bills Committee of the Legislature in support of his bill that would give miners the right to select their own physicians. "And there is a doctor in Timmins," he said, "who is getting \$3,000 a month out of the miners."

"You mean the miners pay \$3,000," put in Hon. Paul Leduc, Minister of Mines. "Part of their medical fees go toward the mines hospital." Mr. Leduc also challenged the accuracy of the South Cochrane member's statement that medical students were engaged to take on the practice of the Kirkland Lake doctor, while he was on holiday. "They may be young doctors," said he, "but they certainly are not students."

Final disposition of the bill was held up until such time as its sponsor can confer with Hon. Dr. J. A. Faulkner, Minister of Health, and with Attorney-General Roebuck on the situation of which he complains.

POWER PACT IS VALIDATED

Hepburn Declines to Expunge
From Records Preamble
to Legislation

HOUSE IS SPEEDED UP

Premier Hepburn yesterday refused to accede to the demand of Conservatives in the Legislature that the "disgraceful, inaccurate and offensive words" of the 1935 power contract cancellation be expunged from the records of the Assembly. Wilfrid Heighington (Cons., St. David) led the Opposition's attack on the issue.

Discussion arose when the bill to validate the contract with the Ottawa Valley Power Company came up for final approval. The member for St. David declared it was ridiculous for the Government to ask the House to restore contracts, in almost the same terms, which were labelled "born in iniquity" at the 1935 session.

"The preamble is a false statement and should be removed," declared Mr. Heighington.

"The Legislature has ruled that the old contracts were illegal and therefore they were illegal," retorted Premier Hepburn.

Arthur Ellis (Cons., Ottawa South) expressed doubt as to the legality of the Hydro Commission operating the Quebec side of the Chats Falls plant.

The Prime Minister pointed out that to guard against any legal doubt, the company had agreed to join with the Commission in asking the Dominion Government for legislation in the event that such a contingency should arise. He further said that while it no doubt would be the part of economy for the Hydro to purchase the other half of the joint development at Chats Falls, he questioned the wisdom of taking up the option to purchase.

Numerous bills were given second reading at the 11 a.m. session as the Government speeded up legislative machinery in order to prorogue the House before Easter.

An amendment to the bill which prevents sale of codein except on a physician's prescription, was amended by Hon. Dr. J. A. Faulkner to permit its inclusion in pharmaceutical quantities in medicines.

Over the protests of the Opposition, third reading was given to the iron ore bounty bill. Mr. Heighington urged that the bill be stood over until the Committee on Privileges and Elections had finished its inquiry into charges made against Dr. A. D. Roberts, Liberal member for Sault Ste. Marie. It had been charged by Premier Hepburn that Dr. Roberts had offered his support to the Algoma Steel Co., in return for a concession.

MOVE TO PLACE ABITIBI ON FEET

Reorganization of Company
Nearer Than Ever, House
Told by Roebuck

Reorganization of the bankrupt Abitibi Power and Paper Company is closer to being realized today than at any time since the company failed, Attorney-General Arthur Roebuck declared in the Legislature yesterday in introducing an act respecting this company.

The purpose of the legislation was to clear up doubt as to the authority of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission and the Department of Lands and Forests to enter into negotiations with the Abitibi Company with a view to removing the company from its difficulties, the Attorney-General explained. Negotiations have been going on for some time and the settlement now proposed involved, first of all, the Ontario Hydro Commission.

The series of claims held by the Commission against the Abitibi Company would be exchanged for certain assets given by the company. Legality of the Hydro to enter into such a settlement was in doubt and therefore such a bill was necessary.

Secondly, negotiations between the Lands and Forests Department and the bankrupt company were subject to the same doubt as the right of the department to forgive a claim for a public advantage that was not exactly payment, Mr. Roebuck stated.

Conditions in the industry were better now and the time was ripe to get the company out of bankruptcy, the House was told.