

YORK, TORONTO SHERIFFS MAY BE MERGED

Macaulay Queries Conant
on "Disturbance" Re-
garding Cane

BILL IS INTRODUCED

Merger of the Toronto and York County Sheriff's office is authorized under a bill placed before the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Hon. Gordon Conant, K.C., Attorney-General.

Introduction of the measure paved the way to the first clash of the present session when Hon. Leopold Macaulay, Opposition Leader, seized the opportunity to jibe the Government over the recent suspension and reinstatement of Howard Cane, who was named Sheriff of both Toronto and York at the time of his appointment, although the two offices have remained separate.

"Does this bill consolidate Mr. Cane in his job?" he asked Mr. Conant.

The Attorney-General claimed that he did not know Mr. Macaulay's meaning.

"Well, what was all the disturbance about?" pressed the Opposition Leader.

"I am not aware of any disturbance," replied Mr. Conant.

"Well, you should be," Mr. Macaulay retorted. "Surely there was some disturbance when Mr. Cane resigned, and all the Toronto Liberal members got together in a pow-wow and telephoned long-distance to the Premier."

Macaulay Insists.

Mr. Conant replied that the Sheriff was suspended and reinstated and added he would be glad to go into the matter at the proper time. Mr. Macaulay insisted the time to discuss the matter was then, and reminded the Treasury benches that the bills introduced that day were being brought forward without regular notice and only with the assent of the Opposition.

"Does the bill provide for a Consulting Sheriff as was done down in Lennox and Addington way?" asked George H. Challies (Cons., Grenville-Dundas).

"Consulting Sheriff?" echoed a mystified query from the Cabinet benches.

"Yes," said Mr. Challies. "You appointed a new Sheriff down there and had the old one acting as a Consulting Sheriff."

There the matter rested until the Premier, at a later point in the proceedings, repeated the explanation that was given at the time of Mr. Cane's reinstatement by Mr. Conant.

There had been a technical shortage in the Sheriff's accounts, but investigation by the department, said the Premier, had revealed that under the order granting the appointment, it was possible for the Sheriff to take at any time the full amount of his salary out of the fees of his office.

Mr. Cane, under the terms of his office, was quite within his right to obtain the money, and he had but merely followed the practice set by his predecessors. The order was changed at the time the technical default was discovered, and Mr. Cane was then reinstated, said the Premier.

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An amendment to the Fire Marshal's Act gives appeal rights from the decisions of investigators within the department to the Fire Marshal. Amendments to the Administration of Justice Expenses Act and to the Constables Act gives both Crown Counsel and high constables authority to requisition police officers for special services and to certify accounts for their expenses. The bills were introduced by Mr. Conant.

In debate on the second reading of the Revised Statutes Confirmation bill Mr. Conant emphasized that the gross cost of the publication of the 1937 edition of the Revised Statutes of Ontario was less than \$60,000, while publication in 1927 and 1914 was \$129,498 and \$275,706 respectively. He claimed, too, that the binding of the current issue was of a superior quality. While 6,500 editions were printed, only 4,500 were bound.

New Law to Restrict Use of Title Hospital To Licensed Places

Rest Homes Forbidden to
Use Word, Says Minister
of Health, Citing Toronto
Instance

WILL PROTECT NURSES

Protection of the title "hospital," as it is recognized generally by the public, is guaranteed under an amendment to the Private Hospitals Act, placed before the Legislature yesterday by Hon. Harold Kirby, Minister of Health.

The amendment prohibits the use of the word by any institution that is not of a standard approved by the department—or, in fact, any private institution that is not licensed under the act.

Mr. Kirby, in explanation, said that the department, not later than last week, had had difficulties with a Toronto "rest home" calling itself a hospital. Officials made out that the place was capable of giving insulin treatment, and, said the Minister, there was neither graduate nurse nor doctor connected with it.

"Institutions of this character can call themselves rest homes or what they like, but cannot call themselves hospitals under this amendment," said Mr. Kirby.

Another bill introduced by the Minister in the form of an amendment to the Nurses' Registration Act would bring all training of nurses under the direct supervision of the Minister of Health. No training schools may be established in the Province, under the terms of the amendment, without the specific approval of the Minister.

Mr. Kirby said training in this Province has been offered in correspondence-school courses and by rest homes. Certificates could not be granted under either of these schemes. The amendment, in effect, was a form of protection for young women who wanted to be nurses.

Another measure introduced by Mr. Kirby extends the provisions of the Burial of War Veterans' Act, which provides for the burial of indigent veterans, to include veterans of the air service as well as military and naval veterans, and, in addition, veterans of all wars, instead of only those of the Great War."