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DR. HETT SEEKS MEDICAL RIGHT

Legal Status Asked in Bill
Introduced by J. J.
Glass

IS LAST PRIVATE DAY

The application of Dr. J. E. Hett of Kitchener for legislation restoring to him the right to practice medicine in Ontario, was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by J. J. Glass (Lib., St. Andrew). Mr. Glass emphasized he was not sponsoring the bill and was introducing it merely to get it before the House for consideration.

Mr. Glass stated, in explanation: "Dr. Hett was unable to find a member to sponsor his bill, although his petition for a private bill was on the list considered by the Committee on Standing Orders. Therefore, as Chairman of the committee, I am introducing the bill merely to get it before the House for the consideration of the members."

The legislation sought by Dr. Hett, who, last April, was removed from the rolls of the College of Physicians and Surgeons for conduct considered unethical by that body in connection with his treatments for cancer, was one of three bills involving the practice of healing.

J. Frank Kelly (Lib., Muskoka-Ontario) sponsored a bill which asked for Miss Rene Caisse, Bracebridge, authority to practice "medicine in the Province of Ontario in the treatment of cancer and conditions resulting therefrom." and Thomas Blakelock (Lib., Halton) sponsored a measure which, if adopted, would give the title "doctor" to osteopaths, chiropractors and physio-therapists who are registered under legislative authority which set forth qualification standards in Ontario.

Yesterday was the last day on which private bills might be brought before the House, and a flood of these measures held the attention of officials for nearly three-quarters of an hour.

Among them was the Toronto omnibus bill, which, according to Ian Strachan, Liberal Whip, "contained a myriad of subjects, including applications for the authorization of tax sales, tree removals, and so on."

Hearing Refused Him, Heighington Declares In Wire to Queen's Park

Not Called Upon to Speak
by Returning Officer at
Petrolia, He Complains in
Telegram

PROBE IS DEMANDED

Telegraphed claims of Wilfrid Heighington, K.C., that he had not been called upon by the Returning Officer to address the official nomination meeting at Petrolia in the East Lambton by-election, and that action should at once be instituted to determine why he had been refused the right to place his party's views before the meeting, were aired in the Legislature late yesterday afternoon.

Premier Hepburn expressed his willingness to look into the matter, but held that both Mr. Heighington and Opposition Leader Macaulay, who projected the matter into debate, were woefully lacking in knowledge of the electoral law concerning the duties of Returning Officers. After an R.O. had read out the names of those officially nominated, his responsibilities were ended, said the Premier. He was under no obligation whatever to do anything else.

Mr. Macaulay submitted that Mr. Heighington must have been interfered with in some manner, else he, close student of electoral procedure that he was, would not have felt obliged to wire his complaint. A St. Clair Gordon, member of the Government without portfolio, was, he said, to have met Mr. Heighington in debate under prior arrangements, but had failed to show up. Was that any reason why Mr. Heighington should be denied the right to speak, to debate the issues of the day? he asked.

"If Mr. Heighington wants to meet some one in debate up there, I'll go up there and meet him," declared Mr. Hepburn. "That's if we can get a hall."

"Oh, we'll get to the bottom of this matter," said Mr. Macaulay. "We'll find out what happened. I'm confident that if it is investigated we'll find ample cause for Mr. Heighington's complaint."

"The Returning Officer certainly must be absolved of any responsibility for what may have happened," declared Mr. Hepburn. "He's through with his work after he reads out the names of those nominated."

Mr. Macaulay argued that Mr. Heighington was too well known a man to launch any trivial complaint. There must have been considerable provocation for sending his wire.

"We'll get a report," said the Premier, closing the incident. "Mr. Heighington is a fine fellow, and he must have had some provocation of some sort. But I'm appalled that he doesn't know our electoral system any better than he does."

MARRIAGE BILL BANS DISEASE

David Croll, Liberal M.L.A.,
Urges Certificate Be-
fore Ceremony

Couples applying for marriage licenses, under an amendment to the Marriage Act, proposed yesterday in the Legislature by Hon. David Croll (Lib., Windsor), would be required to produce a medical certificate certifying that neither was suffering from social disease.

Mr. Croll, in presenting the bill, declared: "This is a plain-spoken bill, calling a spade a spade. It is a long-overdue health measure."

In the explanatory notes accompanying the bill, it was explained it followed the line of a similar measure in effect for some time in Michigan. Persons who lived in sections of the Province which were not organized municipally, and where doctors were not available, were exempt from its provisions.

It provides that, when banns are published in a church in lieu of obtaining a marriage license, the medical certificate will have to be produced before the marriage can be solemnized.

One section of the bill provides for free examination by a Medical Officer of Health and free laboratory tests by the Department of Health in cases where such free examinations are found necessary.

Medical practitioners would be required under the terms of the amendment to satisfy themselves as to the identity of the persons applying for a certificate. A penalty of not less than \$20 and not more than \$200 is ordered for any one who impersonated another in obtaining a certificate or has made a false statement or who has otherwise violated a section of the bill.