

## PLAN TO USE SINKING FUND RESERVE KILLED

Anti-Noise Regulation in  
Toronto Bill Also Re-  
jected

### RULING BY COMMITTEE

Toronto's application to raise only such sums of money for sinking fund purposes as were deemed requisite to keep that fund on a sound basis was rejected by the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterday.

One of the primary reasons for the application's defeat was the argument of Hon. Eric Cross, Minister of Municipal Affairs, that settling of the excess sinking funds question should be done "in proper time," and not in any last-minute move such as Toronto had made. The amendment covering the application reached the committee only yesterday, and without any advance advertising.

C. M. Colquhoun, City Solicitor, advanced a strong case for the application, admitting his opposition to tacking money from sinking funds, but claiming that the Toronto request was different. The city, he said, had always had an actuarial surplus in its sinking fund, and because of legislation passed in 1920 it had got authority to use it in redemption of debt maturity.

"Over-burdened taxpayers," he said, "should not be asked to pay off debt before it is due."

Another clause in the Toronto bill, providing for the elimination of all "unnecessary noise"—and the definition of noise ranged from "disrepair or maladjustment of any motor vehicle" to the squawk of some pet parrot—was also "killed" by the committee.

## SAFETY CLAUSE IS PROTESTED

Macaulay Criticizes Prin-  
ciple of Immunity for  
Government Employees

Insertion in the cancer cure investigation bill, sponsored by the Government, of a clause that would protect members of the commission, or their agents, from any slander action that might arise from their investigations in a "private capacity," drew fire yesterday in the Legislature from Hon. Leopold Macaulay, Opposition House Leader.

Premier Hepburn, while maintaining the protective clause was similar to safeguards inserted in bills authorizing commission investigations and drafted by previous Conservative Administrations, declared he would not argue the point, and allowed the bill to stand until Monday before receiving committee reading.

The clause proposed to give protection to the investigating officials acting both in a public and private capacity. Mr. Macaulay, in moving that "private" be struck out, criticized the principle of giving Government employees "carte blanche protection from illegal acts."

Mr. Hepburn pointed out the same safeguards were inserted in the Liquor Control Act, and in quick rejoinder, Mr. Macaulay held that unsound principles endorsed by Conservatives did not warrant the Liberal Government to adopt them.

Hon. Harold J. Kirby, Minister of Health, in reply to questions by Dr. Harold Welsh (Cons., East Hastings) said the Government planned to set up the commission at the earliest possible moment.

"There is in the custody of the officials at Ottawa \$450,000 in the King George Cancer Fund. It is our hope the ministry will cooperate so that we might have some of this money for cancer research work. In any event, it is our intention to open the investigation at the earliest possible moment."

"Is it the intention of the department to have the commission composed entirely of medical men?"

asked Fred G. McBrien (Cons., Parkdale).

"No, it is not," replied Mr. Kirby.

## MEDICAL BODY TO LIFT BAR AGAINST HETT

Reinstatement of Doctor  
Early Next Week Is Now  
Indicated

### WILL BARE CANCER DATA

The Ontario Medical Council's suspension of Dr. J. E. Hett of Kitchener will, it is reported, be lifted early next week as a result of the physician's written undertaking to the Minister of Health that he will submit his cancer formula to the special investigating committee which the Government is establishing for testing all so-called cancer "cures."

Reinstatement to the profession will automatically give to Dr. Hett, it is further reported, the right to continue his cancer-treatment work. **Bill Will be Withdrawn.**

If reports are correct, then there will be no further need, it is understood, for the bill which Dr. Hett has now before the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature. Through that measure he sought the reinstatement which he claimed the Medical Council was denying him. When the committee resumes its hearings on Monday morning the bill will likely be withdrawn.

At yesterday's Private Bills sitting Daniel W. Lang, K.C., counsel for the Medical Council, stated that his clients were prepared to reinstate Dr. Hett as soon as he submitted his formula to the investigating body.

"What we are interested in now is what happens to Dr. Hett in the interval," said Chairman David Croll.

### Counsel Promises Reinstatement.

Beyond the undertaking that Dr. Hett would be reinstated when he submitted the formula, Mr. Lang said he was not prepared to submit

anything more on behalf of the Council. There would have to be, he said, a meeting of Council to go beyond that, and the next meeting was not scheduled until April 12.

"It is a crime to have patients needing this serum while a Medical Council pussyfoots for a couple of weeks," declared Fred McBrien, M.L.A., moving that the committee immediately reinstate the physician.

Counsel for the Medical Council agreed that members of the Council, though scattered over the Province, would be approached over the week-end for their opinion.

"They can do it by phone," said Mr. Croll.

"Why were they asleep? Why didn't they have their answer here? The matter has been hanging fire for weeks and they knew this was coming up," said W. A. Summer-ville, M.L.A.