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Title M.L.A. Confusing, Bill Sponsor Claims

For dignity's sake and in the hope of eliminating confusion in the titles of members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, the Legislature Legal Bills Committee, yesterday gave its approval to a bill that designated such members as "Members of Parliament."

The bill was sponsored by Colonel F. Fraser Hunter, "M.P." St. Patrick, Toronto, who intimated to members that he had long been irked by the necessity of explaining the designation "M.L.A." or "M.P.P." to wondering acquaintances from other parts of the Empire and from lands in which there was even less knowledge of the titular form of address applied to members of law-making bodies in British countries.

Mr. Hunter stated that Sir Howard d'Egville, Secretary of the British Parliamentary Association, had indicated his approval of the suggested change, during a recent interview.

The committee passed also Mr. Hunter's bill that provided for the licensing by the Department of Education of trade correspondence schools and was designed to place a check upon schools that sold courses on highly technical engineering subjects which were valueless to students unless they were possessed of advanced education in

the field that they proposed to study. The member emphasized that scores of these students, after having agreed to take a course of lessons, found they were without value to them, but were bound under contract to pay the full contracted price.

Walter Scott Ferguson of Shaw Schools told the committee he was not opposing the bill, but claimed that it hurt tried and recognized schools by including them with the organizations which the legislation proposed to check.

"This doesn't apply to Shaw Schools?" asked J. H. Clark, Windsor-Sandwich.

"It does to the extent of our course in stationery engineering. But the man who takes our course must be actually engaged in engineering before he is enrolled," replied Mr. Ferguson.

"This will help your school. The legislation only drives the racketeers out," said Mr. Clark.

MARRIAGE ACT HEALTH CLAUSE IS WITHDRAWN

Croll Amendment Called
for Freedom From
Disease

PRINCIPLE DEFENDED

In the face of Government opposition, as indicated by Hon. Harold J. Kirby, Minister of Health, David A. Croll (Lib., Windsor-Walkerville) withdrew yesterday in the House his marriage law amendment act, which would have barred from marriage in Ontario persons afflicted with social disease.

The bill required that applicants for marriage must present a certificate of health to issuers of licenses or to clergymen in event of the publication of bans. It proposed to set up machinery for the provision of laboratory tests and provided penalties for infringement of the act.

Mr. Croll, in moving second reading, said it was purely a preventive measure, designed to protect either contracting party, any children that might be the result of a marriage and society generally.

"It is a sad reflection upon society that we allow disease to be handed from one generation to another," he said, in declaring, "We have failed to do for human beings what we have not failed to do for livestock."

He admitted that persons who desired to escape from provision of the bill could be married outside the Province, but he held that "we would catch one in ten, and we must agree that it is a step in the right direction."

Dr. Harold Welsh (Cons., Hastings East) held the principle of the bill was sound.

Mr. Kirby pointed out that he was doubtful if the public would be agreeable to submit to examination for social diseases.

"While I am whole-heartedly behind the principle of the bill, I would suggest that it be left in abeyance to give an opportunity for department study, in the hope that some means may be found of taking action," he said.

Mr. Croll concurred and withdrew the bill.