

Approves Bill to Admit Aurelien Belanger to Bar

Over the formal protest of the Upper Canada Law Society, but without a dissenting voice in the committee itself, Private Bills Committee of the Ontario Legislature yesterday approved a measure authorizing the admission to the Bar of Aurelien Belanger, French-Canadian M.L.A. for Prescott.

Mr. Belanger based his claim to acceptance by the Law Society on the fact he had attended the full course of lectures at Osgoode Hall, had passed all his examinations in the first two years and two in the second term of the final year, but had been prevented from writing the remaining examinations because of a sudden illness.

As sponsor of the bill, he told the committee that he believed he was fully entitled to receive the degree of Barrister at Law. He had completed the prescribed course of study, had never failed in an examination, and had been prevented

from graduating at the time of his studies only by illness. Subsequent events had made it impossible for him to return to Osgoode Hall, but in the interim he had had seven years' experience in every phase of law except pleading before the bench.

Opposition to the bill came from D. L. McCarthy, treasurer of the Law Society, and Shirley Denison, K.C., chairman of the society's Legal Education Committee, who argued that no special privilege should be granted any one student.

Mr. Denison said that many other students had been forced to terminate their studies under similar circumstances to those outlined by Mr. Belanger, and they had not been admitted to the practice of law. It was unfair, he thought, for students to be confronted by men who, "by the favor of the Legislature had been enabled to enter into the practice of law."

LESS RED TAPE IN CROWN LAND SALES SOUGHT

Government Restrictions Hinder Transfers to American Tourists, W. L. Miller, M.L.A., Contends

ADDRESS ON BUDGET

Rapping government restrictions on the selling and leasing of Crown land lots to American tourists as being too severe, W. L. Miller (Lib., Algoma-Manitoulin) advocated yesterday before the Legislature that all sites should be surveyed, priced and catalogued, so that officials of the department would be in a position to give definite information to applicants.

"We experience," said Mr. Miller in his budget address, "that the restrictions placed upon an applicant are entirely too severe and the procedure too cumbersome. In fact they seem to be designed to prevent people from buying Crown lands rather than to encourage them to become summer residents in the province. I cannot overemphasize that we definitely have something to sell in the north in the way of cottage sites along the shores of our inland lakes. And I would suggest that the government take steps to facilitate this profitable business by seeing to it that there are no unnecessary regulations to hinder this ever-expanding tourist industry."

Mr. Miller, for the past five years chairman of the Legislature Fish and Game Committee, claimed the administration of the department had met with general approval of sportsmen and conservationists. He emphasized that the marked increase in the planting of fingerlings and fish fry had a direct bearing on tourist revenue, as had the extension of highways in Northern Ontario. Fish and game revenue, he said, had increased from \$545,000 in 1934 to an estimated figure in excess of \$900,000 for the fiscal year.

Mr. Miller devoted the major portion of his speech to a survey of the government's highway policies in Northern Ontario. He strongly approved the policy of removing the system from the Department of Northern Development and placing it with the Department of Highways. "We are," he said, "being treated now as a part of the Province of Ontario and I submit it is a decided change for the better."

RENEW PLEAS FOR SHOOTING ON LORD'S DAY

All Northern Members Are in Favor of Sunday Hunting, Cooper Tells Fish, Game Committee of Legislature

PROPOSE LAW CHANGES

Before the Fish and Game Committee of the Legislature completed its 1939 sessional work yesterday, notice was served on it by James Cooper, Liberal member for Sudbury, that Northern Ontario's demand for Sunday hunting privileges would be renewed with increased pressure next spring.

Every Northern M.L.A., said Mr. Cooper, was in favor of such privileges, and they would attend next year's session determined to convert the older Ontario members into "a more charitable way" of looking at the situation than now obtained. The Lord's Day Alliance Association, he said, also had no objection to the move, and when the proper time arrived he would produce correspondence to bear out his claim.

W. L. Miller (Liberal, Algoma-Manitoulin), chairman of the committee, dissociated himself from Mr. Cooper's statements that all Northern riding representatives supported Sabbath shooting. While he would, with certain reservations, support this idea, he could not condone widespread gunning activities that might interfere with normal Sabbath religious observances. Last year, in one small village in his constituency, he said, the firing of deer hunters, just a mile away, so disturbed a church service and distracted the preacher that it was with difficulty the service was completed.

Changes Approved.

The committee approved a number of postponed changes to the present game laws. These will be incorporated in the present bill to be brought down by Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Minister of Game and Fisheries, before the current session concludes. The new proposals:

"Provide that bears taken by hunters as trophies are not subject to royalty.

"Include Dundas, Glengarry, Lanark and Stormont among the counties in which use of snares is prohibited at all times.

"Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Waterloo, Haldimand and Welland added to the counties in which taking of cotton-tail rabbits is limited to six per day.

"Add Haldimand, Middlesex, Waterloo, Welland, Elgin and Oxford Counties in which sale of cotton-tail rabbits is prohibited.

Lengthen Hours.

"Permit hunting to commence one-half hour before sunrise and to extend one-half hour after sunset.

"Permit use of automatic shot guns which have been so reconstructed as to hold not more than three shells.

"Prohibit use of rifles during open season for pheasants.

"More effectively control shipment during the closed season of deer hides which have been legally taken.

"Amend section 58 of the act to require shippers to secure special permit for shipments of raw furs by aeroplane.

"Include fifty geese among the game which may be exported by non-resident hunters under the authority of their licence.