

## Would Restrict Aliens In Change of Names

Aliens residing in Ontario will be restricted in the changing of their names under the terms of a bill sponsored by H. L. Hagey (Lib., Brantford), which was approved by the Legal Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterday. The measure, if approved by the House, will do away with the present method of changing names by poll deed.

Mr. Hagey told the committee the bill was designed to prevent the changing of names "to create a false impression," and pointed out that the new act would make it possible for persons opposing such a change to voice their opposition before a judge when application for change was being heard.

Application for a change of name

must be made before a county judge, following publication of notice of intention in the press once a week for three weeks. Notice of intention also has to be served on the Attorney-General and a declaration as to place of birth, residence and criminal record, if any, must also be made.

Subject to technical changes which will be debated in the House, the committee reported an amendment to the Limitations Act, designed to protect the position of mortgagors who are liable on covenants for payment but are no longer interested in the property. A complementary amendment to the Mortgages Act was also reported.

## Supreme Court Step to Follow Printed Insults to Royal Family

Supreme Court action to restrain the publication of any article or picture insulting to his Majesty the King is authorized under an amendment to the Judicature Act, introduced to the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Hon. Gordon Conant, Attorney-General.

The proposed amendment came directly as the result of the publication recently by the United States magazine Ken of an illustration which was considered offensive to his Majesty's subjects. The matter was drawn to the attention of the House some time ago by Col. George Drew, Opposition Leader.

Under the section the Attorney-General is authorized to bring an

action to prevent publication of any newspaper, pamphlet, magazine or other printed matter containing any writing, article or picture "tending to insult, degrade, revile or expose to hatred, contempt or ridicule or mockery" his Majesty or any member of the Royal family.

The amendment, contained in the Statute Law Amendment Act, provides action may be taken in the Supreme Court and empowers the court to order any defendant to file a bond to refrain from publication of any such matter. Any one who, after the service upon him of an order restraining such publication, continues to do so, shall be liable for contempt of court.

## Henry Is Asked to Make Good Back Pay He Gave to Drury

Hon. George Henry's self-styled "generosity" in paying Hon. E. C. Drury \$8,000 which the former government premier had refused to take as salary while in office, brought him censure from Hon. Harry Nixon, himself a member of the Drury Government of that time, in the Legislature last night.

"You should recoup the treasury to that amount," Mr. Nixon told him. "He had certainly no right to that money at that time."

The verbal passage occurred during the course of former Conservative Premier Henry's four and three-quarter hours budget debate speech, when Premier Hepburn reminded the speaker that he had contributed toward the present government's highway revenue by paying up the \$3,000 which he had charged to car operating expenses while he was in the premier's office.

And following the criticism of

the payment made to his former U.F.O. Leader, Mr. Nixon reminded Mr. Henry that the present Cabinet ministers were taking \$2,000 less than what they were allowed by statute. Mr. Henry retorted that the ministers, during his regime, had voluntarily reduced their salaries.

"Yes," said Mr. Hepburn, "during 1930 the Conservative ministers increased their salaries by \$2,000 each per year and made the increase retroactive for a period of six months and then on the eve of an election, for political purposes, they reduced it, but it didn't work."

Mr. Henry, dean of the Legislature, was regarded by other veterans of the House as being in one of his happiest moods. Thrusting at and occasionally, but only very occasionally, applauding the administration, he ranged up and down the Cabinet row and joined battle with all who would take issue with him.

## EDUCATIONAL AID BOOSTED

The Hepburn Government, during the fiscal year just ended, increased grants for educational purposes all along the line, according to government returns made to the House yesterday in answer to a question by Col. T. A. Kidd (Con., Kingston).

Comparative figures for the year ending March 31, 1939, with the year preceding in brackets, are as follows:

Public schools, \$3,790,609 (\$3,189,940); separate schools, \$910,208 (\$746,631); high schools and collegiates, \$794,325 ((\$635,177); agricultural schools, \$295,387 (\$225,542); vocational schools, \$1,512,483 (\$1,223,355); university grants, \$2,595,776 (\$2,534,660).

## MILK CONTROL MAY BE EASED

Elimination from the Milk Control Act of that section which prohibits co-operatives from carrying on the business of buying milk and selling it to members and others, is proposed in an amendment introduced to the House yesterday by Hon. Gordon Conant, Attorney-General.

The bill was contained in the Statute Law Amendment Act. Other proposed amendments include one which would remove the exemption of fruit stores from the provision of early closing by-laws and one which confirms the transfer of Chorley Park to the Hospital for Sick Children and exempts the property from taxation while it remains in the hands of the hospital.

A Judicature Act amendment would permit the judge presiding at any trial or hearing to order the exclusion of the public from the court "where he deems it to be in the interest of public decency and morals."