

M.L.A. Wants No More Of 'These Fool By-Laws'

Too many by-laws of a restrictive nature are already in operation today without the addition of "these fool by-laws," William Duckworth (Cons. Dovercourt), argued in the Legislature yesterday during consideration of a Municipal Act amendment.

The amendment extends the section of the act prohibiting the erection of or use of buildings for the housing of motor trucks used in a truck cartage business, by including all commercial vehicles when stored otherwise than in a building.

"We have 16,000 by-laws governing business now," objected Mr. Duckworth when the bill came up for second reading. "Why, a person can't drive from one city limit to the other without breaking some by-law."

Ian Strachan, (Lib. St. George) sponsor of the amendment, said it was not a by-law but merely enabling legislation to permit the City of Toronto to pass a by-law covering the situation.

"That is what they will do if this amendment is adopted," retorted Mr. Duckworth. "The little businessman is hedged around with all kinds of

restrictive by-laws. The man who goes into business today doesn't know what to do because of these fool by-laws."

After further discussion the bill was given second reading.

An amendment to the Cemeteries Act, sponsored by Allan Lamport, (Lib. St. David) was withdrawn when Hon. Harold Kirby, Minister of Health, said it was not acceptable to the Government. Purpose of the amendment was to give a municipal council control, along with the Department of Health, over extensions or enlargements to cemeteries. Mr. Kirby said his department was studying the situation.

Second reading was given the Income Tax Act amendments. Attorney-General Conant said that most of the provisions were for the purpose of bringing the act into conformity with the Federal Act.

An amendment to the Fatal Accidents Act was introduced by G. C. Elgie, (Con., Woodbine). It provides that in an action brought under the act, damages may be awarded in respect of the funeral expenses of the deceased, provided such expenses have been incurred by the parties for whose benefit the action is brought.