

PROMISE TO GIVE LAKEHEAD VIEW ON PULPWOOD

**Mayor Cox to Speak
for District 'Penalized'
by Companies' Failures**

EXPERT TO APPEAR

Full discussion of Government timber policies as they affect the municipalities most directly connected with the pulpwood industry was promised by the special Legislature committee investigating administration of timber resources yesterday as members agreed to hear delegations from Port Arthur and Fort William on Thursday and Friday.

Decision to interrupt the general trend of the investigation to consider representations from the Lakehead cities came after Mayor C. W. Cox, M.L.A. for Port Arthur, rose at the opening of yesterday's sitting and asked permission to take the stand in the near future. Hon. Paul Leduc, Minister of Mines and chairman of the committee, recalled that similar application had been made by E. E. Johnson, chairman of the Fort William Industrial Commission, and it was decided that both men would be heard at the same time. A delegation representing the Fort William City Council was notified of the decision by telegram and prepared to leave for Toronto either Wednesday or Thursday morning.

Indication that delegates from the Thunder Bay municipalities will be given full opportunity to testify, and that their representations will not be confined to submission of briefs was given by Colonel Drew after Mr. Cox had pleaded for an early hearing, which, he promised, "would not take more than fifteen minutes of your time."

"I think we should hear these

men fully," the Conservative Leader said. "And no matter how condensed your brief may be, Mr. Cox, you will likely be given an opportunity to elaborate in subsequent questioning."

The Port Arthur Mayor and member presented his request for a hearing immediately after chairman Leduc had called the meeting to order at 10:30.

"I represent a municipality that has over \$20,000,000 invested in Hydro development," he said, "and a district that has provided more than one-third of all the pulpwood cut in

Ontario, in addition to 90 per cent of the wood that has been exported from this Province. The cities of Port Arthur and Fort William have been severely penalized by the non-fulfilment of timber contracts in this district and I have some observations to make which I think it would be in the interests of this committee to hear."

"We have a witness in the box at the moment," objected J. M. Cooper (Lib., Sudbury).

"I believe Mr. Cox is willing to be heard at the convenience of the committee," Mr. Leduc suggested.

Refuse to Change Act Covering Council Pay

In the belief that the plan placed too much authority in the hands of the Department of Municipal Affairs, members of the Legislature Municipal Laws Committee rejected an amendment to the Municipal Act, which if passed, would have made salaries of elective members subject to the approval of the department.

Hon. Eric Cross, Minister, said the section was designed to correct abuses in the per diem salary system. In some municipalities, he held there was a tendency to hold an excessive number of meetings.

C. M. Colquhoun, Toronto city solicitor, reminded the committee, that the clause, in Toronto's case, would restrict the mayor's salary to \$5,000, the fee that is granted to him as a member of the Board of Control.

"I think it is putting too much authority in the hands of the department," said W. J. Gardhouse (Lib., West York). "I think it is wise perhaps not to take too much away from the people after all."

Mr. Cross, early in the discussion, agreed that the measure required further consideration and withdrew the section.

BALLOT SAVING SOUGHT IN BILL

**Would Delay Elections
to U. of T. Posts Until '42**

As a war economy measure, it is proposed in an amendment to the University Act to halt elections to the posts of either Chancellor or Senate of the University of Toronto until 1942. The amendment is contained in the Statute Law Amendment Act introduced yesterday by Attorney-General Conant.

Department of Education officials explained that a ballot of the graduates cost approximately \$4,000. A similar measure was passed during the last war, it was stated.

Another amendment empowers the Cancer Commission to divulge any cancer "cure" formula which has been received in the course of its inquiries to a person authorized by the commission to investigate such a substance. It also authorizes the commission to require an oath of secrecy from the investigator.

Under an amendment to the Venereal Diseases Prevention Act, it is made an offence for a person suffering from such a disease to use a false name or address. It also permits the department to draft regulations which would require every laboratory to furnish returns to the department with respect to the diseases.