

## ARMAND RACINE PUBLIC TRUSTEE

Salary \$7,000, Questioner  
Is Told in Legislature

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Armand Racine, K.C., of Windsor, was appointed Public Trustee last Oct. 1, following the superannuation of A. N. Middleton April 30, at a salary of \$7,000, G. Doucett of Lanark was informed yesterday in the Legislature. There are thirty-five members of the Public Trustee's staff, two of them temporary, and the cost of the department last year was \$66,711. The department administers the estates of 2,599 patients in Ontario Hospitals and 2,292 other estates.

Answers to other questions:

Camp Scholfield, presented to the Province by the late H. C. Scholfield, was offered for sale by the Province because it was too expensive to maintain. It was advertised for sale and sold to E. A. Craig, the highest bidder, for \$1,500.

Members of the Legislature from Lambton and district supported the application for the establishment of Ipperwash Park, on Lake Huron. It was also endorsed by a petition signed by over 1,000 citizens representing forty-six municipalities in Southwestern Ontario and the Township of Bosanquet. In addition to the original cost of \$10,000, the sum of \$14,699 has been spent on capital expenditure and \$7,938 on ordinary expenditures.

A coroner is always called following the death of a patient in an Ontario Hospital. Since Nov. 1, 1934, coroners have made 4,363 such calls at a cost of \$22,291 to the Province. During that time twenty-eight coroners' inquests have been held in connection with the deaths of patients in these hospitals.

## Bill to Name 'Guardian' For War Guests Heard

Provisions for health precautions and environment of child war-guests in Ontario are made in a bill introduced in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Labor Minister N. O. Hipel. By it the Superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children may exercise all the powers of a parent or legal guardian. He may consent to a surgical operation, medical care and hospitalization in cases where the consent of the parents or legal guardian is required and he may direct that any such child who has entered the Province from the United Kingdom or Northern Ireland since Sept. 1, 1939, may be taken from the home where it resides and placed in a foster home, approved by a Children's Aid Society.

The superintendent cannot consent to the marriage of such a child guest nor take over control of real and personal property. He cannot prevent a child guest from returning to the Mother Country with the consent of its parent or guardian. The act does not concern any child residing with or subject to the control of one or more parents.

Another bill provides for the inauguration of Sunday street cars

in Cornwall. F. B. Brownridge, (Lib., Stormont) stated that most of the industries in Cornwall are located on the outskirts of the municipality and that all are working on Sunday.

An amendment to the Agricultural Representatives Act provides that any graduate of any university or agricultural college may be appointed as an agricultural representative, provided he has a degree of Bachelor of the Science of Agriculture. At present only a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College may be appointed.

## ACCUSATIONS DENIED BY COX

Heenan Charges Wrong,  
Port Arthur Mayor Says

In a brief resumption of Tuesday's bitter exchange between Lands and Forests Minister Peter Heenan and Charles W. Cox, Mayor of Port Arthur and Liberal member for Port Arthur Riding, the latter, yesterday in the Legislature, denied two of the charges levelled against him by his colleague.

Mayor Cox, before the Orders of the Day were called, first denied that he had appealed to Mr. Heenan, after his election to the Legislature in 1934, to use his influence to stop the protest that was made against his election.

"That is absolutely contrary to facts and I want everybody in the Legislature to know that," he said.

He then referred to the Minister's charge that, in 1928, he received a road contract, although his tender was not the lowest tender, and that he was unable to finish the work.

"It is absolutely incomprehensible to me," said the Port Arthur Mayor, "that a road contract in 1928 has anything to do with the Lands and Forests Department in 1941."

He said his tender was \$20,000 lower than that of the second lowest bidder and that he lost \$30,000 to \$40,000 on the job. "The Department of Highways did not move one yard of earth on the job and I did

not receive any extras. I defy him or any one else to say anything different," he said.

Mr. Heenan: "I have no reply, Mr. Speaker, except that the record stands."