

TECK WILL SEEK INCORPORATION COUNSEL SAYS

**But Solicitor Expects
Move Will Be Blocked;
Drop Township's Bill**

SEEK MORE TAXES

Teck Township legislation yesterday at the Private Bills Committee session at Queen's Park was abruptly withdrawn with a blunt intimation by L. A. Lillico, township solicitor, that the vast gold mining community next year would seek incorporation as a town or city.

The solicitor's notice came after Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Minister of Municipal Affairs, claimed that the township, under its bill, was seeking the advantages of incorporation without having to assume the responsibilities.

The bill asked for powers to tax the Northern Telephone Company on its income and to make certain levies, for garbage collection in Kirkland Lake, as an example, just as if Kirkland Lake were a town, instead of a community of 21,000 existing as a part of a rural municipality.

From the outset of the hearing, committee members made insistent inquiries as to why Kirkland Lake had not incorporated, so that it would have the desired powers without special legislation.

Staked as Claims.

Mr. Lillico argued that the entire township was staked as mining claims, that it had only one road "and the moment you move to incorporate as a town, Lakeshore and Wright-Hargreaves and other mines would move to be excluded from the town limits. Swastika, or Winston as it is called now, and Chaput-hughes, which are postoffices like Kirkland Lake, would also move to be incorporated as police villages. The mining industry wouldn't stand for it. The mining industry is providing huge taxation to the Governments and it is the mines that call the terms."

Following the meeting, Mr. Lillico in an interview predicted that if the move to incorporation is made, "that this committee will have the biggest row on its hands it ever had." He predicted that the mines "have sufficient power to block it."

Were powers to tax the telephone company granted, the township would benefit by \$3,500, he estimated, instead of a present revenue of \$64. The total tax income of the township was \$950,000.

Young Man's Town.

Pressed by members to explain what the township "does with all that money," the solicitor first warned that "the mines in another ten years will be a wasting industry. Thirty per cent of our income in 1940 went into elementary schools. "Gentlemen," he added, "we are a young man's town. We have a classroom born every month. In addition, 15 per cent goes to high schools and there is 45 per cent alone gone to education."

He argued that incorporation would increase the cost of municipal administration as the work is done largely by a township council on a voluntary basis. "The moment you attempt to incorporate the township as a city—well, you will never get anywhere with it," he said.

FISHING LICENSE PLAN DEFERRED

**Will Not Be Instituted
This Year, Nixon Says**

DATES DISCUSSED

Following a two-day session of the Fish and Game Committee of the Legislature, at which deputations from various points of the Province appeared and presented recommendations regarding the changing of the regulations, methods of administration and dates of closed seasons, Hon. Harry Nixon, Minister of the Fish and Game Department, promised that the committee and department would give earnest consideration to all the suggestions.

During the discussions there had been a decided difference of the opinion of the delegations regarding the inauguration of a license fee for fishing rods. Some had been strongly in favor of such action, while others were just as strongly opposed. One speaker, in advocating the imposition of a dollar license fee, stated that up to the present the hunter had been carrying all the burden by having to secure a license, while the fisherman was having his sport at a comparatively small expense.

Mr. Nixon said no such license would be issued this year. "Fishing licenses would undoubtedly help in enforcing the laws, but an additional license is an additional tax," he said. The Premier, in his budget speech, said that there would be no new taxes this year.

He promised that the requests that commercial fishing be barred in Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River would be considered, as will be the recommendation that seine fishing be eliminated from all lakes. He said that seine fishing helped the increase of game fish in that it helped remove coarse fish from the lakes.

H. H. Mackay, biologist of the department, said it was impossible to fish for lunge without interfering with black bass, as both are shallow water fish, and he forecasted the time when the opening of all fish seasons will be July 1, with the exception of those for pickerel and trout.