

New Bill Aims To Protect Bees And Their Owner

Bees that have a habit of buzzing into hives other than their own are not going to be allowed to settle down to honey-making in their new surroundings.

Given first reading in the Legislature yesterday was an amendment to the Bees' Act, which seeks to permit the owner of a swarm of bees to go chasing over the countryside after his wandering bees and to enter any property and take possession of them. All he is required to do, under the proposed legislation, is first notify the owner of the property of what he intends to do, and if there is any damage, compensation must be paid.

The bees get a break in another section of the bill. This prohibits the spraying or dusting of trees, while in bloom, with any mixture containing poisonous substance injurious to the sniffing bees.

LIGHTS ON ROAD COST \$133 EACH

It cost the Province \$133.28 to instal each light on that part of the Queen Elizabeth Way between the Windermere cutoff and Thorold Road. This information was given in the Legislature in reply to a question by Hon. Leopold Macaulay (Con., York South). The stretch of road in question, 36.5 miles, has had a lighting system installed at a cost of \$263,432.82 and it is estimated that the work of installation will be completed at the cost of an additional \$15,000. The maintenance cost of this stretch is estimated at \$32,500 a year, of which \$25,000 will be for power.

There are twenty-one members of the Ontario Civil Service over 70 years of age. Of these thirteen are drawing superannuation and eight are on salaries. A. H. Acres (Con., Carleton), who asked for the information, was informed also that when a superannuated civil servant is retained, his salary is reduced by the amount of his allowance.

Would Stop Trustees Selling Their Wares to School Boards

In introducing an amendment to the School Act in the Legislature yesterday, Hon. Harry Nixon, the Provincial Secretary, stated he was doing it owing to the absence of the Minister of Education, Hon. Duncan McArthur. Mr. Nixon stated that Mr. McArthur is so ill that there is considerable doubt if he will be able to attend during the present session.

One amendment states that when pupils leave a school to work in war industries or to enlist, their absence shall not be taken into account in calculating Provincial grants.

In the past a school trustee who is a merchant or a bookseller was permitted to sell books and other materials to the school but a new section forbids this. The provision of the general law, which forbids an elected representative to have dealings with the body of which he is a member, will apply in future.

The minimum salary of a teacher in a rural school whereby the board may secure a township grant is raised from \$500 to \$600.

Township school trustees are to be allowed a mileage of 7 cents, provided they do not attend more than eight meetings a year.