

# MINIMUM PAY INCREASE ASKED FOR TEACHERS

Raise From \$500 to \$600  
Per Annum Is Sought  
in Schools Act Change

## AMENDMENT HEARD

School teachers' salary minimum is raised from \$500 to \$600 by an amendment to the Public Schools' Act, given House Committee reading in the Legislature yesterday.

Provincial Secretary Nixon, who is Acting Minister of Education in the absence of Hon. Duncan McArthur, said only nineteen schools in the Province were paying under \$600.

"I think it is a little low," said George Dunbar (Con., Ottawa South). "A young girl can enter the Civil Service at \$750 minimum. When you consider that a girl has to have matriculation and go to Normal School, I think \$600 is a little low."

The amendment rules that a board is not entitled to a township grant in respect of a teacher's salary unless the salary is \$600.

The House assented to the withdrawal of a section which would have barred a school trustee, who was a merchant or bookseller, from selling books and classroom materials for the use of the school or pupils.

# DOUBLE-SALARY POST CRITICIZED

Opposes Appointment  
of Member of House

## 'ACT OF FAVORITISM'

Protest was voiced by Leopold Macaulay, Acting Leader of the Opposition, in the Legislature yesterday to the proposed appointment of W. G. Nixon, Liberal member for Temiskaming, as industrial commissioner for the T. & N.O. Railway. In support of the bill, Premier Hepburn stated that the section referring to the appointment of a member of the House to the position might prove a controversial one, but he pointed out that the chairmen of the Hydro-Electric Commission and the Liquor Control Board were members of the Legislature and were in receipt of two salaries from the Government.

"I may say that we have in mind as industrial commissioner for the railway the member from Temiskaming. Some one representing the commission has to look after the promotion of industrial activity in the territory served by the railway. He has a thorough knowledge of the possibilities of the district. He would be most useful in contacting industrial firms and watching legislation, both in the Federal House and in the Quebec Legislature."

"I admit the member from Temiskaming would make a good man for the position, but I do not approve of suspending the general law in the case of a member of this House," said Mr. Macaulay. "No man should have two salaries from the Province. I oppose the appointment unless it is only a temporary one. It looks like an act of favoritism to a follower who well deserves it."