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Initial Reading Is Given Bill To Widen Mail Summons Scope

A bill to permit the sending of summons by mail to persons who have violated any Provincial statute as well as municipal and other by-laws and regulations, was given first reading in the Legislature yesterday. Introduced under the title of the Summary Convictions Amendment Act, it extends the provisions made at the last session of the Legislature to serve summonses for violations of the Highway Traffic Act by prepaid mail.

An explanatory note states that the requirement calling for the serv-

ing of the summons within ten days of the violation, continues to apply only to breaches of the Highway Traffic Act. Provision is made for serving a summons upon a corporation where one of the officers required to be served cannot be located. There is also provision made for dispensing with service by mail and permitting personal service in the first instance in certain instances.

One section of the amendment provides for cases in which there is difficulty with regard to addresses. Under the present system no address of an offender is recorded with the license and permit.

Mortgage Tax Act Amendment Asked

An amendment to the Mortgage Tax Act, permitting the tax of one-tenth of 1 per cent on mortgages registered in the registry and land titles office to be used in connection with the administration of justice, was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Attorney-General Conant. It provides that these moneys shall be paid to the Inspector of Legal Offices and deposited in the Provincial Treasury, instead of going to the general fund of a municipality.

The revenue from this mortgage tax will be applied in payment of any deficit in the operation of the registry or land titles office.

The bill affects Toronto and the County of York only. The tax was adopted originally for the purpose of assisting the city to pay for the Albert Street registry office, which is now fully paid for.