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Plans Bill to Outlaw Racial Discrimination

The Ontario Legislature will be asked to consider a bill to prevent discrimination against any person because of race, creed or religion. John J. Glass, Liberal member for Toronto-St. Andrew, has given notice of his intention to introduce a bill along this line.

The question of discrimination based on religious or racial grounds is regarded as more serious today than at any time in previous years, and the Glass bill proposes to make it an offense for any person to adopt such tactics.

One clause states that no person shall be denied the accommodation or facilities of any hotel, restaurant, theatre or other public place because of his race, creed or religion. The bill would forbid signs or notices to be posted indicating an intention or design to violate the provisions of the act, and similarly another clause would prohibit dis-

crimatory advertisements and discrimination in the matter of employment.

Another provision says: "No person shall publish or display, or cause to be published or displayed, any statement, symbol, emblem or other representation creating or tending to create hatred, ridicule or contempt of or for any person or class of persons because of the color, race, creed or religion of such person or class of persons."

The bill provides penalties of not less than \$25 or more than \$500, or a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both fine and imprisonment.

It is also stipulated that the consent of the Attorney-General must be obtained before any action shall be instituted. This is to prevent unreasonable or groundless actions being taken. The power or injunction to halt any discriminatory act is provided for in the Glass bill.