

EXTEND RELIEF ON MORTGAGES

Wartime Discontinuance
Unwise, Says Conant

In view of "disturbed times" caused by the war, Premier Gordon Conant told the Legislature yesterday that he did not think it wise to discontinue the Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1943. The bill, among others passed through second reading, continues the act in force until June 30, 1944.

Third reading was given the bill to provide for relief to lessors under gas and oil leases. Second reading was given the Gasoline Tax Act and Gasoline Handling Act amendments to simplify the refunding of gasoline taxes to bona fide farmers, so that they receive their exemption before purchase is made.

Uniform Rural Hydro Power Rates Far in Future, Commissioner Says

A uniform power rate for all rural districts in Ontario is the goal of the Ontario Hydro Commission, but this objective is still far in the distance, W. L. Houck, vice-chairman of the Commission, said in the Legislature yesterday. He spoke during committee consideration of amendments to the Power Commission Act.

Mr. Houck agreed with George

Challies (Prog. Con., Grenville-Dundas) that a uniform rate for all rural Hydro districts was desirable, but pointed out that to do this at the present time would mean that farmers in some sections would have their rates raised. The purpose of the present amendment was to help farmers in poor areas who are paying high power rates.

\$500,000 for War on Cancer Is Approved by Legislature

The bill to set up a \$500,000 cancer treatment and research foundation in Toronto was given second reading in the Legislature yesterday with approval of both sides of the House.

Opposition Leader Drew suggested that when the personnel is chosen advantage be taken of the fact that one of the world's greatest cancer specialists is now in Toronto, one of many who had come to Canada to escape Nazi oppression. Canada takes second place to none in medical achievement, said Col. Drew, but felt use should be made of the additional skill now available. Good might thus come out of the evil of war. Col. Drew did not name the cancer expert now here.

Hon. H. J. Kirby, Minister of Health, sponsoring the bill, said he was recommending the suggestion and explained that the bill provided for an advisory medical board representing branches of the medical profession. The foundation would be a corporation of seven to ten members appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.