

## To Abolish Word 'Illegitimate' From Future Birth Certificates

The procedure of placing the word illegitimate on birth certificates of children born out of wedlock is going to be abolished, Attorney-General Leslie Blackwell told the Legislature yesterday. The question was raised by Joseph Salsberg (L.P., St. Andrew's) during committee discussion of the amendment to the Legitimation Act. This amendment permits an illegitimate child to inherit the estate of a mother who dies intestate, or vice versa.

Mr. Salsberg said his attention had been drawn to the fact that the birth certificates of children born out of wedlock were marked with the word illegitimate. While this had no bearing on the amendment under discussion, he felt that if the Legitimation Act was going to be

overhauled a thorough job ought to be done and a change made in connection with the point raised.

The Attorney-General said the problem was already receiving the attention of the Government, and he was glad the matter had been raised.

"It does not come within the scope of the Legitimation Act," said Mr. Blackwell. "The matter is not only being looked into, but the Government believes it can be cured without the necessity of enabling legislation."

E. B. Jolliffe, C.C.F. Leader, said many painful incidents had been caused as a result of the practice of marking birth certificates in this manner. He expressed satisfaction at the decision of the Government to eliminate the practice.

## Daley Assuming New Portfolio

Labor Minister Charles Daley will assume the new portfolio of Planning and Development in addition to his Labor portfolio, it was learned last night. The bill establishing the new department was introduced into the Legislature yesterday by Premier Drew.

The Government is said to feel that the work of the Department of Planning and Development could be closely integrated with the Labor Department and that Mr. Daley is in contact with the problems which will face the new department.

## Protection Promised In Abitibi Agreement

Assurance that his Government would protect the rights of workers and industry in considering any agreement to end the receivership through agreement of the Abitibi Power and Paper Co. was given in the Legislature yesterday by Premier George Drew.

The statement was in reply to an Opposition question while the bill to amend the Abitibi Moratorium Act was in committee stage. The bill prevents foreclosure by bondholders for another year.

C.C.F. Opposition Leader E. B. Jolliffe drew attention to the clause permitting ending of the moratorium by Order-in-Council. G. I. Harvey (C.C.F., Sault Ste. Marie) asked that the interests of the public and the industry as well as bondholders be considered, before the Government sanction any settlement agreement.

### Town on Relief.

A. A. Casselman (C.C.F., Nipissing) pointed out that the plant at Sturgeon Falls had been closed down shortly after being taken

over by Abitibi, throwing the town on relief. Premier Drew replied that the Government was keenly concerned with the situation and sought to guarantee the future of the whole industry and alleviate such situations.

"The Government has two main concerns," the Premier said, "preservation of a great industry and of the forests on which this and other industries depend."

The Government was concerned with the need to bring the Abitibi company out of receivership. The formation of the Forest Resources Commission was aimed at correcting present ills.

### Six Bills Reported.

Six bills were reported in committee, among them amendments to the Justices of the Peace Act, the Weed Control Act, Nurses' Registration Act and the Trustee Act.

A bill amending the Law Society Act regarding benefits for widows and orphans of barristers and solicitors was sent back to the Law Society for rephrasing when Opposition Leader Jolliffe objected to the phrase "barristers and solicitors" on the ground that some barristers were not solicitors and that the phrase should read "or" instead of "and."

Second reading was given the Wartime Housing Act, which provides that a municipality may collect a fixed amount (\$24 and \$30) from Wartime Housing in lieu of taxes. Bills amending the Crown Timber Act, Survey Act, Provincial Land Act, Highways Improvement Act and the Holland Marsh Roads Act were given second reading.