

C.C.F. CAMPAIGN COST SAID \$20,230

Campaign funds received by the C.C.F. for the general election of Aug. 4 last year amounted to \$20,230, B. E. Leavens (C.C.F., Woodbine) told the Legislature yesterday. He said that last week the member for Carleton (A. H. Acres, P.C.) had asked whether it was true that the C.C.F. received half a million dollars from the C.I.O. in the United States.

The C.C.F. received its financial assistance in the form of nickels, dimes and half-dollars, and there were no large contributions from business interests, Mr. Leavens told the House. The organized trade unions of Ontario, which the C.C.F. represented, contributed less than \$3,000 to the campaign. In St. David riding the C.C.F. spent \$477.03, or a total of eight cents per vote. The Progressive Conservatives spent \$5,113.55, or \$1.01 per vote, and the Liberals spent \$3,048.98, or 99 cents per vote, he said.

"I would like to see the Progressive Conservatives and the Liberals give just as frank a statement on campaign funds as I have done," Mr. Leavens said.

CIVIL SERVICE PAY RATE HIT

Criticism of the civil service salary scale was voiced in the Legislature yesterday by J. B. Salsberg (L.P., St. Andrew), in the Budget debate. He believed the City of Toronto paid more for similar services. Mr. Salsberg said it appeared to be a case of "patching up a chronic evil," and he deplored the tendency of civil servants always keeping an eye on the Government of the day with a view to having their own personal problems remedied, instead of having the sense of security to which they were entitled.

Members of the buildings staff were working an hour extra a day but were receiving no extra remuneration, Mr. Salsberg said. No employee should be required to work extra time unless he was paid for it, he maintained.

Dealing with the Budget, Mr. Salsberg said the Government was paying more in interest rates on the Provincial debt than was being spent for health and welfare combined. He was not suggesting that the Province should not honor its obligations, but he felt that the matter was of important significance. With few exceptions the net debt of the Province had been increased year by year, despite the claims of good budgeting on the part of the Government of the day. The net debt in 1919 was 13 millions, and today it was around the half-billion mark, he said.

Mr. Salsberg adjourned the debate and will carry on this afternoon.

CLARIFY BILL ON SLOT GAMES

Ontario's new bill outlawing slot machines, debated in the Legislature yesterday, was permitted to stand in committee on request of Attorney-General Leslie Blackwell pending printing of certain clarifying amendments. The right of appeal and precise statement that the bill does not apply to pay telephones and such automatic machines were indicated.

Ex-Premier Mitchell Hepburn commended the Attorney-General's delay of the measure, but declared: "I don't like the bill, and I don't like slot machines." But, he maintained, there were other "rackets," including race tracks.

"I don't believe in these infernal blue laws," he said.

He pointed out that airmen at four air schools in his district enjoyed slot machines and wouldn't want them removed. Phonographs, weighing machines and candy dispensers might conceivably come under the ban.

Mr. Blackwell explained that no appeal had been included in the bill because the act's prototype in six other jurisdictions had none.

Possible extensive confiscation of slot machines, Mr. Hepburn termed "one of the most vicious things I've ever heard." He also pointed out that the Saskatchewan Appeal Court had ruled a similar bill ultra vires of the Legislature as containing a penalty.

New Apprentices Bill

A new bill amending the Apprenticeship Act is to be introduced in the Legislature by Labor Minister Daley. The present amending bill, already past first reading will be withdrawn. The bill would require all persons in designated trades, other than registered apprentices, to hold a certificate.

NEW LABOR ACT IS INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE

Labor legislation for Ontario was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Labor Minister Charles Daley. The main bill, with which are two ancillary measures, provides for extension of the new Federal Labor Code to Ontario workers in and out of war industry and the establishment of an Ontario Labor Relations Board of six men and a chairman, yet to be named.

In addition, however, the new Labor Relations Board Act, 1944, can include municipal corporations, school boards or any board or commission set up by a municipal corporation which has the power to pass by-laws. Inclusion would be by their own initiative.

The Labor Board when appointed will have its head office in Toronto, but may sit in any part of the Province. And though the Collective Bargaining Act is repealed along with the present Labor Court, persons who have been duly appointed collective bargaining agents will remain undisturbed and Labor Court records will be transferred to the new board. The Collective Bargaining Act and the Labor Court remains until present proceedings pending under them are completed.

Protection of existing rights of labor is assured under one of the two other bills comprising the legislation.

The new regulations governing employees and employers remain in force notwithstanding the revocation of the War Measures Act because of the termination of the war or for other reasons.

Chairman and members of the board are to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council on recommendation of the Labor Minister. The board has full powers under the Public Inquiries Act and may make rules of procedure "not inconsistent with the Wartime Labor Relations Regulations." The Minister may appoint a chief executive officer or other officials required for the purpose of the board. Salaries are to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

Excluded from provisions of the act, are the farming industry, domestic servants, members of police forces and the Ontario Hydro Commission. Board rulings are appealable to the Wartime Labor Relations Board. Date of the act's coming into effect is to be named by the Lieutenant-Governor.