

# STOCKYARD BILL IS ADVANCED

The Government bill setting up the board to take over and operate the Union Stock Yards was given second reading in the Legislature last night after Premier George Drew explained that the measure was part and parcel of the wider agricultural policies proposed for Ontario.

The board is given power to take over stock yards or other facilities for the transportation or handling of live stock and such other requirements as may be necessary. While Union Stock Yards are specifically mentioned in the bill, the board may acquire other properties.

"This measure forms an integral part of the broad farm policy we are mapping out," the Premier said. "We make no suggestion that it will perform miracles. The board will be operated by farmers, who will be appointed after due consultation with those organizations which represent the farmers."

# RAISE STATUS OF TEACHERS

The Legislature last night gave second reading to the Drew Government's act to provide for the establishment of the Ontario Teachers' Federation after Premier Drew, speaking as Minister of Education, had stated his belief that the measure was highly important in that it would raise the status of teachers. "I'm strongly in favor of it," the Premier said.

He explained that the plan to establish the federation had been approved by five teachers' organizations. Teachers who have been teaching for years have the right to withdraw, the Premier said, but new teachers would have to come in.

Five other bills, all general acts, were given second reading at Premier Drew's request, discussion being reserved for committee. They included amendments to the Mining Act, Old Age Pensions Act and the Medical Act.

## One Ontario Firm Working 72-Hour Week, Daley Reports

A survey in the Toronto and Windsor areas shows that 772 industries work their employees 48 hours or less per week, and 535 work them between 49 and 72 hours in a week. This information was given in the Legislature last night by Labor Minister Charles Daley, in moving second reading of the bill to provide a 48-hour week in industry and one week's holiday with pay.

Ninety-seven industries have a work week of 60 hours, one has a 66-hour week, and one has a 72-hour week, the Minister said.

"In my opinion, eight hours a day is plenty for any person to work," Mr. Daley said. "We have every reason to believe that a measure of this kind will prove extremely satisfactory in peacetime."

The bill permits war industries to be excluded from the 48-hour provision. Certain seasonal occupations such as canning and lumbering may

also be excluded at the discretion of the industry and labor board.

The experience of Jacob Finkleman, Registrar of the Ontario Labor Court, is likely to be used in connection with the new Ontario Labor Relations Board, Labor Minister Charles Daley said.

He said he would announce the personnel for the board within two or three days.

"Pure speculation," was Mr. Daley's comment when informed that a press report suggested Mr. Finkleman would be chairman of the board. "I am the only person who has any idea as to the composition of the board and I have not made up my mind at this time."