

## Voters List Bill Is Commended By C.C.F. Leaders

The order paper was fairly well cleared in a three-hour session of the Legislature yesterday, the House according third reading to the Active Service Election Act, second reading to the amended Voters' List and Election Acts and four other bills and passing four bills through committee.

The Voters' List Act, Opposition Leader E. B. Jolliffe said, was an improvement on the previous act, and he was in favor of it. It was time more attention was paid to voters' lists, he felt, since in one election such personages as Napoleon, Marie Antoinette, Julius Caesar and even Judas Iscariot had appeared on the lists.

William Dennison (C.C.F., Toronto-St. David) complimented the House Select Committee of all parties on whose recommendations the bill was based and declared that if the measure passed the House "Ontario will have the best voters' list legislation in many years." He thought the bill should recognize, however, the principle of "one man, one vote" in municipal elections.

Suggestion from S. J. Hunt (P.C., Renfrew North) that all dues for trees cut on road allowances be remitted to municipalities to assist road-building brought from Lands and Forests Minister W. G. Thompson the statement that, as this was the first representation made to him, he was not prepared to discuss it at the present.

Discussion came up on second reading of the bill to amend the Crown Timber Act providing for payment for trees cut without authority.

Other bills given second reading dealt with counties' reforestation, forest engineers and a revision of the Public Works Act to permit purchase by letter instead of legal tender. Minor amendments to Mental Hospitals, Child Protection, Territorial Districts and Surveys Acts passed committee stage.

## Engineer Title Restriction Urged

The application of the title "engineer" to certain forestry workers was criticised by Liquor Commissioner W. G. Webster when a bill providing for establishment of a board of examiners in forestry and for the registration of forest engineers came before the Legislature yesterday. The bill was given second reading after prolonged discussion.

Mr. Webster, himself an engineer, objected to the use of the word "engineer" to describe a person engaged in some phase of forestry. He claimed that forestry has nothing to do with engineering.

"You might as well call a man who sells peanuts a peanut engineer," Mr. Webster said. "The loose application of the title 'engineer' makes the profession a joke."

Cyril Overall (C.C.F., Niagara Falls) claimed that the bill before the House duplicated the provisions of the Professional Engineers Act, and he could see no reason why it was necessary to have legislation to take care of something which was already covered in an existing act.

Opposition Leader E. B. Jolliffe said that if Mr. Webster was right in his view, then it was strange that the word "engineer" should be used in the proposed act. He believed, however, that the bill opened the door to a general improvement in forestry standards by giving recognition to certain groups in forestry.

## Plan Committee On Labor Laws

Premier George Drew told the Legislature yesterday that his Government intends to appoint on Wednesday a select House committee of 12 to inquire fully into labor legislation. The committee, he said, will have "the widest powers, beyond the ordinary powers of the House, to inquire into the whole question of labor relations." This was in line with the announced intention of Labor Minister Charles Daley for a continuing examination of labor problems.

Included in the Premier's desire to give the committee widest powers was his wish to receive any suggestions on it. It will be composed of five Government members, four members of the C.C.F. Opposition, two Liberals and one Labor-Progressive.

The matter was brought before the House on a motion by J. B. Salsberg (Lab., Prog., Toronto-St. Andrew) at the opening of the session. Endorsing the Premier's action yesterday, Mr. Salsberg urged that the committee report this session and propose legislation.