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Service Vote Act Receives Assent

Royal assent was given by Lieutenant-Governor Albert Matthews in the Ontario Legislature yesterday to five Government bills, including the Active Service Voting Act which provides a direct ballot for Ontario voters in the armed services, and a proxy vote for Ontario prisoners-of-war.

Premier Drew told the Legislature the reason for having assent given at this time was to permit the Attorney-General's Department to proceed with negotiations with the Federal Government regarding regulations of the Federal Active Service Voting Act.

In the course of the bill through the Legislature, Attorney-General Leslie Blackwell had agreed with Opposition members that Dominion regulations should be followed as closely as possible in the Provincial Act.

Dent's Verbal Bull Startles Lawmakers

Members of the Legislative Assembly yesterday thought they were about to have a bovine visitor, introduced by Tom Dent (Oxford Woodstock), but it was just a slip of the lip. Mr. Dent said, "Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to introduce a bull," but although Mr. Dent is nationally known as a breeder of Holstein cattle, no blue-blooded gentleman cow in black and white was to be found at the door of the chamber. Laughter made it difficult for Mr. Dent to get on with the bill he had intended to introduce.