

# Will Consult Mitchell On Minimum Wages

The Government is prepared to carry out its pledge regarding a higher minimum wage, but is withholding its completed schedule until after a conference at Ottawa with Dominion Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell, Labor Minister Charles Daley told the Legislature last night.

Accused by Joseph B. Salsberg (Lab.-Prog., St. Andrew) of having been influenced by a "powerful lobby," Mr. Daley denied the charge and declared that the Government had not backed down in its intention. Mr. Salsberg referred to a proposed \$15 minimum wage, and demanded to know why the Government had not made good on this promise.

"We have completed the necessary schedule and the reason it has not been brought down is because the Dominion Minister of Labor has asked for a conference with all the Provinces to work out a national plan," said Mr. Daley. "If nothing comes of it we shall proceed on our own."

"When is this conference?" asked C.C.F. Leader E. B. Jolliffe.

"After the session," replied Mr. Daley. "The other Provinces could not be represented until then."

## Wants Intention Known

Mr. Salsberg said the Government's legislation should contain an indication of intention regarding a minimum wage, and not have the matter left to the discretion of the board.

Mr. Daley contended that the Government had carried out its pledge to change the hours of work from 52 to 48 and to establish new

ates. What was said in the Speech from the Throne would be implemented, he declared.

The House made rapid progress during the evening in advancing through second reading and committee a great deal of legislation.

A dozen private bills went through second reading in half as many minutes, and about 25 Government measures similarly went forward, and the members were in committee for the last half-hour before 11 p.m. adjournment.

## Hospitals Act

Bills receiving second reading included the amended Public Hospitals Act concerning Provincial aid in the hospitalization of indigents; the Nurses' Registration Act to provide recognition of practical nurses as distinct from registered nurses; Health Minister Vivian's act to amend the Venereal Diseases Control Act; the Damage by Fumes Arbitration Act; an amendment to the Medical Act; and Highways Minister Doucett's amended Highways Improvement Act legalizing increase in suburban road subsidies from 80 to 100 per cent in sparsely settled Northern Ontario areas unable to finance needed road improvements.

The Sugar Beet Subsidy Act also received second reading, providing for payment again this year of Government subsidies up to \$225,000 to encourage the sugar beet industry. Also advanced were the act to permit the three-platoon system in any municipality where it is mutually agreed on; amendments to the Public Vehicles and Commercial Vehicles Acts and the Trustee Act.

# Form Forest Body In Postwar Era

Creation of a Forest Resources Commission for Ontario must await the end of the war and the removal of overriding Federal authority under the War Measures Act, Premier George A. Drew said in the Legislature last night. He was replying to Charles Millard (C.C.F., West York), who wanted to know where the act setting up a board of examiners in forestry fitted into the general forestry commission plan.

The Premier explained that the Forestry Engineers Act dealt with individual qualifications, and was independent of any other act. As far as the creation of the commission was concerned, the Premier continued, this must await the end of hostilities because certain powers under the War Measures Act were in effect and overrode Provincial jurisdiction.

The bill to set up a board of examiners in forestry was amended after considerable discussion, and was subsequently reported out of committee.

# Drew Sees Issue Over Japanese

Ontario has power to say who comes into Ontario, under the British North America Act, and unless it is the intention of the Federal Government to move all enemy alien Japanese back to British Columbia, they must consult Ontario and the other Provinces, Premier George Drew said yesterday.

He was commenting on a Federal Government report indicating it may be recommended that those Japanese now in other Provinces be settled east of the Rockies.

"It was not our choice these people should come to this Province," Mr. Drew said. "As we understood it, it was entirely a safety measure to remove these people from British Columbia when it was believed there was possibility of invasion by Japanese forces."

"There is no reason an emergency measure of this kind should be employed to settle in this Province Japanese whom we would not welcome at this time."