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Choose Site at Humber For New Produce Mart

Legislation implementing the Drew Government's proposals to establish a modern fruit and vegetable market for the Toronto area, for the benefit both of farmers and city-dwellers, was cleared through committee stage by the Legislature yesterday when nine Government bills passed committee, six were given third reading and will become effective when signed by the Lieutenant-Governor, and two received second reading.

Much of the Government legislation was in the nature of clarification, amending existing acts to meet changing conditions or to effect new regulations. Agriculture Minister Kennedy's markets bill and another bill to standardize fruit and vegetable selling, however, were new proposals, the first actually culminating a quarter century of effort to set up a composite, modern market for Greater Toronto.

Col. Kennedy recalled this history when he briefly delved back to 1803 to tell about the Government of that day setting aside 5½ acres of land for a market, now vanished. The present Toronto market, he said, had been totally inadequate for many years, yet efforts all through the 20's and 30's to establish a new market had been frustrated by the inability of railways, farm groups and city officials to see eye to eye.

Recently, however, a Government-appointed commission had chosen a site near the Humber River at the western city limits, which was generally convenient and which would be suitable for transportation. In moving committee approval of the bill, Col. Kennedy said: "I have never felt greater

pride, honor or joy in asking support of any legislation than in this."

Among bills introduced yesterday was one providing amendments to the Teachers' Superannuation Act. Premier Drew explained that this provided changes to clarify the act, worked out in co-operation with the Province's teachers.

When consideration was given Mines Minister Leslie Frost's bill to amend the legislation governing arbitration of losses occasioned by fumes, Harry Nixon (L., Brant) asked if consideration had been given an earlier plea by Robert H. Carlin (C.C.F., Sudbury) to compel International Nickel Co., at Copper Cliff to install equipment to remove vegetation-destroying fumes from smokestack discharges.

"We had given that serious thought," said Mr. Frost, "but it would place a serious handicap on the operations. Furthermore, the greatest period of damage, we learned on investigation, has already occurred, having been during heavy processing of ores during the war when need of metal was high. The extent of processing has greatly declined and it would seem the period of extreme damage is passed."

Salaries Adjusted In Civil Service

Attraction of higher salaries in outside services had had a marked effect on the Ontario civil service, it was pointed out in the annual civil service report tabled in the Legislature yesterday.

Charles J. Foster, Civil Service Commissioner, reported that this condition had resulted in a revision of civil service salaries and provision of an annual rearrangement of salary schedules.

New appointments to the service for the year ending last March 31 totalled 1,432, twice the number in the year immediately before the war.