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Press Gallery Roars 'Carried' At Final Bill Before House

The Police Act (1946) was given a special send-off yesterday in the Ontario Legislature.

The lengthy bill, the 176th to have received the full-course treatment right through first reading, second reading, committee, and the final third and last, was members could pack their bags, turn in their hotel keys, and go home.

For 25 days the Press Gallery toiled above the head of Mr. Speaker, otherwise Hon. W. J. Stewart, alias Bill the Boss. They had heard about 5,000 times, the word "Car-

ried" as motions were made. So when Mr. Speaker stepped forward on his last call and asked, "Shall the bill carry and be entitled to the order?" a roar came from upstairs.

"Carried."

Cabinet Ministers sat up as if electrified. Premier George Drew's face registered bewilderment. Bill the Boss turned to the Press Gallery and said: "In the interests of accuracy would the honorable members register their opinions more clearly?" And the gallery really let loose on that one.

The chamber windows rattled.

The bill carried and was entitled to the motion.



Holidays from school, though they're packed with work for these lads, ended late yesterday when the Legislature prorogued. The lads are the sessional pages who serve under Superintendent Thomas Cordell and his assistant, Fred Hilliard. They are, front row, left to right: Ron Finch, Ray Middleton, Jack Magee and Wilf Davies. Back row: Ken Kimbley, Bruce Ridgley, Richard Chick and Ronald Armstrong. Behind them, seated in the Speaker's chair, is Ernest Marcot, special page, who lost an arm overseas with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment.