The Ontario Legislature

Week Ending February 19

The Legislature on Thursday adopted the traditional "humble address" to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, in reply to the speech from the throne, the most remarkable incident in connection therewith being the absence of a contrary vote or voice. After a debate of 25 speeches, to which the Opposition contributed generously, in comparison with numerical strength, Russell Nesbitt's sub-amendment, wiping out W. E. Raney's little addition to the main motion, was adopted with apparent unanimity, for when Mr. Speaker called for the "Noes" not a sound was heard. The Raney amendment, seemingly harmless in wording, would have expressed a hope that the liquor control legislation should be framed "in the interests of true temperance", but the government regarded it as a want-of-confidence motion, and therefore substituted somewhat similar phraseology in the amendment from the Conservative side, in which the governor is "assured" that the control bill will be given most careful and thorough consideration.

* * *

"The bill," said Premier Ferguson, in closing the debate, "will be just as great a surprise to my friends opposite, and of as high a type, as the personality of the commission named the other night....Nobody that I have ever heard has said that the liquor control policy is going to eliminate all the evils. We say it is going a long piece, for many reasons. One is that the average man thinks himself respectable, even if he does want a drink of liquor, and if he can buy it openly in a respectable sort of way, he is not going to patronize a bootlegger who comes up the back alley. Secondly, if we can enforce the law that boys under 21 won't be allowed to be debauched and destroyed, we will have gone a long way, and the third and most important factor is to create a public sentiment that becomes a moral convention in the province, and when you do that you have done much more than any coercive legislation. The control bill is going to improve conditions immensely, in my judgment."

* * *

The debate, in which no less than a dozen members took part last Tuesday, developed no unexpected alignments in regard to the control bill, although a number of members of the Opposition gave assurance that they had no intention of criticizing for criticism's sake, and having recognized that the people on December 1 last spoke conclusively would personally respect the new law and use their influence that others should do so. J. H. Mitchell, (Southeast Simcoe), took occasion to make it clear that he was not a Liberal-Progressive as described in the Press immediately after the election. He explained that he had not been officially endorsed by the Progressive party, although receiving individual support from Progressives. He said he was elected as a "Prohibition Liberal" and the Prime Minister remarked, "I thought all Liberals were prohibitionists." Karl Homuth, (Labor, S. Waterloo), who resumed the debate on Tuesday, informed the House that he proposed to support the Government not only on the control bill, but on "those other planks in the Conservative platform which they advocated during the last election." He said, "I am prepared to do all I can to maintain them in office for their full parliamentary term, so the government control bill can have every opportunity to succeed."

* * *

During the week, Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, introduced an important measure, which received some discussion on Friday afternoon, in regard to reforestation. Briefly, the government proposes to take over certain lands in Muskoka, Haliburton, Parry Sound, Hastings, Lennox and Addington, which have been found unsuitable for agriculture, and set up forest reserves which will become of value from a tourist standpoint, and in due time for lumbering operations. Farmers in these areas will be transferred to Ontario's rich clay belt in the north, and in the bill the government takes power to reimburse these settlers for the expense of removal. In addition, a much more extensive reforestation policy is planned for the older parts of Ontario as well, through the government nurseries conducted throughout the province. An interesting feature of the bill provides for creation of a forestry board of five, representing Toronto University, the government and pulp and paper companies. This is for research purposes. The Dominion Government and McGill University have conducted some research already along commercial and chemical lines, and it is proposed to take up experimental work especially in connection with the raw material, production of pulp, etc.

* * *

In the address debate, Russell Nesbitt, (Con., Bracondale) gave an interesting summary of work done toward extension of rural hydro service. He announced that 1,407 miles of line has been constructed, to serve 16,388 consumers. Construction to date has cost $3,125,760, of which the government has paid $1,461,591 by way of bonus to primary and secondary lines under the legislation passed since the Ferguson administration came in and made retroactive to 1921.

* * *

The standing committee on agriculture has got away to an unusually vigorous start, under direction of Hon. John S. Martin, and the programme laid out by the Minister calls for two meetings a week. Col. T. . Kennedy, of Peel, was elected chairman. On Friday the session was devoted to discussion of live stock problems, the previous meeting having dealt chiefly with dairying, and particularly the new grading regulations, which were explained by George H. Barr, director of dairying. These regulations, which have now passed Cabinet council, provide for issue of first-class certificates to cheesemakers who in 1926 had 95 per cent. first or special grade cheese, and whose factories met the requirements as to efficiency and sanitation. Second-class certificates will be granted to makers whose percentage was not below 88. Provision is made for the others to carry on for a year, and also young men entering the business, who have no record as yet. An important feature is that factorymen are prohibited from accepting milk which is tainted or in rusty containers, or which has been rejected by other factories. A dairyman whose produce has been rejected cannot deliver to any factory for 10 days.

* * *

Hon. Forbes Godfrey, Minister of Health, in the House on Wednesday pointed out that a wrong impression had been given by remarks of Dr. McQuibban, Northeast Wellington, with respect to the distribution of insulin. The Minister explained that insulin, which is used in treatment of diabetes, and was the discovery of Dr. Banting, is not sold, but obtained through physicians, who certify that the patient concerned is not able to pay for the supply of insulin. Dr. Godfrey reported that 7,000,000 units were distributed last year in Ontario, for which the province paid.

* * *

The Premier on Wednesday reintroduced his bill providing for Township Boards of Public school trustees, and no doubt a day will be set apart for discusslon of this plan, which, while growing in favor is still somewhat controversial. As indicated in a recent circular letter from Mr. Ferguson as Minister of Education, some minor changes have been made in the original bill. Payment of an allowance to trustees is not to be obligatory, and provision is made for recognition of existing school sections as the unit to elect trustees. Where the board as a result would be unwieldy, there may be two or more boards of 10 trustees

* * *

In reply to a question on the order paper, Premier Ferguson the other day gave particulars as to cost and estimated waterpower in connection with the St. Lawrence scheme, as furnished by the engineers of the two commissions which have reported thereon. At a banquet in the city on Thursday night, he took occasion to refer to "resurrection" by the Sifton interests of the Georgian Bay canal scheme, and the claim that those interests had sole right to waterpowers on the Ottawa River. Mr. Ferguson forecasted a determined effort by the Province of Ontario and Quebec to protect the rights of their people. He said: "That old charter has to be renewed by May, and if you want to see the merriest pugilistic encounter you ever witnessed, just watch Clifford Sifton and his interests line up against these two provinces and attempt to take something that belongs to us. It would be criminal negligence on the part of the two provincial governments if they were to stand by and not move a hand to protect the rights of the people in that great waterpower. The government of Ontario deems it to be its duty to take whatever steps may be necessary to restrain anybody from depleting our assets, and to protect for the benefit of the people of the province every single asset we have."

The salaries of the officials of Walkerton were fixed as follows at the inaugural meeting of the council: Clerk and Treasurer, $1,000; Town Constable, Caretaker of Town Hall, etc., $750; Caretaker of Cemetery, $750; Waterworks Engineer, $650; Medical Health Officer, $100; Assessor, $150.

How to Play BRIDGE

A new series of lessons by **Wynne Ferguson**

Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

Copyright 1926, by Hearst, Jr.

ARTICLE No. 17

The writer has pointed out many times in these articles the folly of bidding no-trump with hands that contain a singleton or void suit. Such hands seldom score game at no-trump unless partner has the missing suit, so with this type of hand bid a suit, if possible, on the first round. By so doing, you will give partner and opponents a chance to bid and your subsequent procedure depends entirely on their bidding. Unless your partner bids the missing suit, don't venture a no-trump bid for it seldom produces a game. With such a hand, a suit bid is preferable. The following is an excellent example:

Hearts — A, 8, 7, 3
Clubs — K, J, 10, 4
Diamonds — K, Q, 3
Spades — 8, 3

: Y :
: A B :
: Z :

Hearts — Q, J, 10, 4
Clubs — A, 7, 3

Diamonds — J, 10, 9, 8, 4
Spades — A

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one diamond. This may seem an unsound bid, for he hasn't top cards in the diamond suit but his two aces are compensating cards and the diamond bid is much sounder than a no-trump with the singleton ace of spades. A bid one spade, Y two diamonds and B passed. Z now decided that hearts offered a better chance for game than diamonds so bid two hearts and all passed. He easily made four odd, while at no-trump A would have passed and opened his spade suit. With the ace of diamonds as a reentry, he could easily have saved game. Be on the lookout for hands of this type and don't bid no-trump with a singleton or void suit if you also have a suit bid that is justifiable. You will find that the suit bid is much more dependable and offers a much better chance for game.

The example hands given in the preceding article offer many opportunities for good play.

Answer to Problem No. 20

Hearts — 8, 5
Clubs — none
Diamonds — A, 10, 9, 8, 5, 3, 2
Spades — K, 8, 7, 6

Hearts — Q, J, 10, 9, 6, 2
Clubs — A, Q, 10, 7, 3
Diamonds — 6
Spades — 3

: Y :
: A B :
: Z :

Hearts — 4
Clubs — K, 9, 8, 5
Diamonds — K, Q, J, 7
Spades — Q, 10, 5, 4

Hearts — A, K, 7, 3
Clubs — J, 6, 4, 2
Diamonds — 4
Spades — A, J, 9, 2

No score, first game. Z dealt and bid one heart, A two clubs, Y two diamonds and B three clubs. Z now bid three spades and all passed. A opened the ace of clubs and Z trumped in dummy with the six of spades. How should Z plan the play and is it possible for him to score game? Z should endeavor to establish a cross ruff and use up all his trumps, if possible, in this manner. He should lead the five of hearts from Y's hand, winning the ace in his own. He should then lead a club from his hand and trump in Y's hand. He should then lead the eight of hearts from Y's hand. If B passes this trick, Z should win it with the king and lead another club, trumping in Y's hand. Y should then lead the ace and deuce of diamonds, trumping in Z's hand with the nine of spades. Z should then lead his last club, trumping in Y's hand with the king. Played in this way, Y-Z should score game, making four trump tricks and the ace of diamonds in Y's hand and three trump tricks and the ace, king of hearts in Z's hand. At trick four, however, B can save game by trumping Y's eight of hearts and leading trumps. This trump lead will prevent Y from ruffing the fourth lead of clubs and so save a trick and game. It is a pretty hand both on attack and defense and should be carefully noted.

Answer to Problem No. 21

Hearts — K, J, 8, 6, 3, 2
Clubs — none
Diamonds — K, Q, J, 9, 7, 4
Spades — 9

Hearts — A, Q
Clubs — 8, 2
Diamonds — A, 10, 8, 3, 2
Spades — Q, 10, 8, 2

: Y :
: A B :
: Z :

Hearts — 10, 9, 4
Clubs — K, J, 10, 9, 6, 5, 4
Diamonds — 5
Spades — J, 3

Hearts — 7, 5
Clubs — A, Q, 7, 3
Diamonds — 6
Spades — A, K, 7, 6, 5, 4

No score, first game. Z dealt and bid one spade, A doubled, Y passed and B bid two clubs. Z bid two spades and all passed. The bidding of this hand is not sound but the only question to be decided is: Can Y-Z score game at spades against the best defense if A opens the ace of diamonds and follows with a low diamond? Y-Z cannot go game if B trumps the second diamond lead with the jack of spades. If Z overtrumps, A is bound to make three trump tricks. If Z refuses to overtrump, A will make two trump tricks, saving game in either case. The hand is instructive as an example of one partner promoting another's trump holding by trumping in with his best trump when sure or fairly certain that the opponent will also trump. Very frequently such a play will gain a trick so be on the lookout. Note that if B trumps with the trey of spades, Y-Z will score game.

Answer to Problem No. 22

Hearts — none
Clubs — A, J, 10, 8, 4, 3
Diamonds — none
Spades — J, 10, 6

Hearts — none
Clubs — 9, 7, 6, 5
Diamonds — none
Spades — K, Q, 7, 5, 4

: Y :
: A B :
: Z :

Hearts — Q, 10
Clubs — K, 2
Diamonds — 9, 4
Spades — 9, 8, 2

Hearts — J, 8, 5
Clubs — Q
Diamonds — 10, 8, 7
Spades — A, 3

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. How can Y-Z so play the hand that they will win at least five tricks against any defense? Z should lead the queen of clubs and overtake with the ace in Y's hand. Y should then play the trey of clubs, forcing B in the lead with the king. On this trick, Z should discard the ace of spades. If he makes any other play, Y-Z cannot score five tricks. By Z's discarding the ace of spades, however, A-B can only score one club trick, one heart trick and two spade tricks. Play out the variations for practice for it is a tricky little problem and worthy of careful study.

There's an old saying that "Charity should begin at home." And why shouldn't it? That's where poverty usually begins.—Fergus Falls Journal.

Read the Classified Ads. on Page 7

THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA ESTD 1873

BANKING FIFTY YEARS

This Equipment Is At Your Disposal

THE Standard Bank is equipped to make collections locally or through its agents in every town and city in Canada. This service should be of value to you. The Collection Department of the Standard Bank offers you the assistance of a highly developed organization that is specialized to a fine degree in this most important branch of business practice.

THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA

DURHAM BRANCH—W. A. Johnson, *Manager*

Sub-Branch at Priceville

ROYAL WELCOME FOR "WESTERN SKIES" ACTORS

Players in Coming Strand Feature Paraded and Feasted at Pendleton, Oregon.

The popularity of motion picture stars was never better illustrated than during the making of "Under Western Skies," an Edward Sedgwick - Universal - Jewel production that is to be screened at the Veterans' Star Theatre on Friday and Saturday, February 25 and 26. This great picture of the East and West has been given an all-star cast. Some of it was filmed at Universal City, California, part of it in New York City and the greater part of it in and about Pendleton, Oregon.

It was on their arrival at Pendleton that the players first became aware of just how great was their fame. When the train bearing the company headed by Edward Sedgwick, who directed the picture and wrote the story of "Under Western Skies," arrived at Pendleton, they were given a welcome that will live long in their memories.

A great parade had been organized in honor of the arriving stars. It was made up of townspeople, cowboys, Indians and members of the local American Legion Post. Norman Kerry, who plays the leading male role in this interesting picture, was given a horse and led the parade through the streets of the town to the Pendleton Hotel where the players made their home for three months. Sedgwick, Anne Cornwall, Kathleen Key and the other members of the cast were placed in old-time stage-coaches that formed part of the parade. The affair was one of the greatest ovations ever tendered motion picture players.

The Ford touring car that was found parked in the shed the other side of Meaford and that which was supposed to have been stolen in Detroit has found an owner. The owner of the car had been cutting wood back in the bush and had left it in the church shed for a week or so, apparently no one knowing who it belonged to.—Meaford Mirror.

HEARST SAYS WRIGLEY IS FOOLISH, LIKE A FOX

The New York American, William Randolph Hearst's paper says:

William Wrigley paid $3,000,000 for Catalina Island a few years ago.

The $40,000 prize money offered for the channel swim is a mere 1.33 per cent of his investment.

The average cost of display advertising is around $6 an inch.

A newspaper column contains 20 inches.

The press of the world has donated conservatively 40,000 columns to the Catalina splash.

That is 800,000 newspaper inches. At the rate of $6 an inch, Wrigley has bamboozled the publishers out of $4,800,000 worth of display advertising.

Wrigley is foolish like a f-o-x.

The Bargain Store

Just arrived! A nice line of Men's Oxfords, black and tan; also Lace Shoes at right price.

Ladies' and Misses' shoes, Oxfords and Slippers in wide and narrow lasts at a price that will suit everybody.

Men's Ladies' and Children's Hose in a large variety of shades.

A full line of Spring and Summer Underwear for Men, Women and Children.

Boys' Spring Wool Sweaters and Pullovers, also Jerseys blue and khaki.

Fresh Groceries and Dried Fruits always on hand. Flour and Meals. Highest price paid for good Butter and Produce. Cash or trade.

W. Brigham

Middaugh House Block

Phone Your Order. We Deliver

Graniteware Specials

Priced So Low That You Can't Afford to Miss Them.

3 qt. double boiler 75c.

Colanders ..... 49c.

4 qt. covered saucepan ..... 60c.

Heavy Dippers . 29c.

Saucepans 25c. up.

Large Pitchers 95c.

12 qt. pail ..... 85c.
10 qt. pail ..... 69c.

Coffee pots .... 85c.

Pudding dishes 19c up

Wash basins ... 29c.

Chambers ..... 39c.

1 pt. tea Drawers $ .25
1½pt. tea drawers .39
10 qt. deep dish pans ..... .60
10 in. Jelly plates .19
10 in. stove pots .95

Cross & Sutherland Hardware Co., Limited