

The Ontario Legislature

Week Ending April 2

The first session of the Seventeenth Assembly closed, as the Prime Minister originally estimated, "by April 1". The House adjourned five minutes before midnight, and will be formally prorogued on Tuesday, when Hon. W. D. Ross, Lieutenant-Governor, will give the royal assent to the 179 bills of the session, less a few withdrawn or merged. Activity has been maintained from the opening of the session. The government had a majority of its bills ready for early introduction, and things were kept moving throughout, so that there was rather less than the usual speeding up the last day or two. Aside from the Liquor Control bill, there were several noteworthy measures, such as Hon. William Finlayson's reforestation bill; Hon. G. S. Henry's bills amending the Highway Traffic Act and taking control of commercial public vehicles; the latter to be effective later; Hon. J. S. Martin's Fruit and Vegetable Consignment Act, and numerous bills by way of consolidation and amendment, brought in as a result of recommendations from the statute revision commission.

During the last few minutes of Thursday night's session announcement came from Premier Ferguson that the T. & N. O. Railway would be extended into the Rouyn gold mining district of Quebec. The matter came up when R. F. Miller, (Lib.), Haldimand, rather unexpectedly challenged the annual supply bill, on second reading, and called attention to a press item forecasting completion this year of the T. & N. O. to James Bay. On that point, Mr. Ferguson said only that some further mileage would be laid this year, and went on to announce the Rouyn extension. Discussions are under way with Quebec, he explained, to ensure that there will be no friction over the matter. The government, he said, regards the railway not as entirely a provincial affair, but to be used for development of the whole mining area of northern Ontario and Quebec. Noting that the Haldimand member appeared to regard the north country as a barren waste, the prime minister advised him to take an airplane trip over it and find out its wealth in minerals and water powers. Mr. Ferguson expressed sympathy with a suggestion that the whole Legislature be taken on a tour of the north, but pointed out that considerable expenditure would be involved this year in the tour to be made by the British Empire Mining Federation. He intimated, however, that the suggested visit by the legislators might possibly be arranged later in the year. W. E. N. Sinclair humorously protested against any such date as "December 1".

Hon. Charles McCrea, in his annual review of mining activities, Thursday evening, gave new members a wonderful insight into the great mineral fields of the province, which now give a gold production of \$31,000,000 annually. Prospecting in 1926, the Minister said, was the greatest since 1907, the boom year at Cobalt, and during the year there were 121 new incorporations, as compared with 70 in 1925. The Minister expressed confidence that there would develop a new gold camp in the area from Woman Lake to Howie Lake and Savant Lake. He announced, amidst applause of the House, that a custom smelter was to be established to take care, particularly, of the ore got out by the smaller producers in the great mineral area about Sudbury.

Hon. John S. Martin concluded on Thursday afternoon a three-hour speech on the work and programme of the department of agriculture. It was an exceedingly comprehensive review, and greatly interested the House, particularly rural members on both sides. Following a report of the department's effort to have milk put up as a result of the typhoid epidemic in Montreal, the Minister made an interesting statement in regard to the United States as a future market for Ontario dairy products. Explaining in detail how the milk and cream supply of the Middle West States is becoming inadequate to meet, as formerly, the demands of great eastern cities, and that the United States is now a great importing country, in the matter of dairy products, Mr. Martin said: "I think as our market will be just over the line. While we are shut out at the present time I am confident the day is not far away when the tariff wall, as far as dairy products are concerned, will be either cut down or eliminated. They

need our products, and we can always feel certain they will look after their own interests, and if they need our milk and cream they are going to get it." The United States last year, the Minister said, imported 500,000,000 pounds of milk or its equivalent. In connection with the cornborer menace, Mr. Martin said that while efforts to combat the pest had not been relaxed, the department was giving assistance to those farmers in the southern counties who were going into tobacco as an alternative crop. One important announcement of the week came in the course of Hon. J. R. Cooke's annual review of hydro activities and plans, denominated a "13th bill" for rural power customers, in accordance with the method followed with urban centres. So successful has been the operation of rural hydro that a total surplus of \$418,155 has accumulated, and \$236,892 is being rebated. The Minister said: "There are at present in operation about 100 rural power districts, and these rebates will be sent out in the course of a few days. They vary according to the profits made. Many customers will get a cheque sufficient to pay their monthly bills for the next three months, and some of them a cheque sufficient to pay their bills in rural power areas for the next 18 months."

The session closed without investigation of any kind by the Public Accounts Committee. Liberal Leader Sinclair had a motion on the order paper for some weeks providing for calling of the committee on March 4. He never asked that his motion be called, however; did not change the date thereon, and when, at his suggestion, two days from the close of the House, the government did convene the committee, it developed that Mr. Sinclair had weeks before undertaken court work in his own county town which would prevent his conducting any inquiry into the committee. He proposed to bind next year's Committee to go into this year's accounts, but the members felt that they were not competent to do that, and Mr. Sinclair declined to file with the clerk the names of any persons he would desire to call later. The result was that the committee simply left the whole matter to the committee of next year to do as it deemed wise.

In connection with a bill granting an additional \$5,000,000 under the Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, Hon. William Finlayson outlined to the House some important road work to be undertaken this year. Regarding the trunk road from North Bay to Cochrane, the Minister said: "We spent last year over \$1,000,000. There is a section of 25 miles from Swastika that has not been touched, and we are advertising for tenders to be in next week. The Prime Minister wants the road opened for the Confederation celebration. I don't think we will have it open by July 1, but certainly before September 1. The trunk road from North Bay to the Soo will require considerable repairs. We have been urged to build a road westerly from the Soo to connect with Port Arthur or Fort William, but have not committed ourselves, because there is a question whether it should be located along the North shore of Lake Superior or farther north near the Transcontinental. My own view is that a road across Northern Ontario, commonly called the trans-Canada, should be assisted by the Federal Government. Fort William and Port Arthur have peculiar claims that have been neglected, and we are going to spend large sums improving the highway to the south. We hope to bring in an immense flow of tourists from Duluth, Minnesota, etc. West of that we propose to extend the road from Kenora as far as Webbwood and so they can get out to Wabigoon. At Fort Francis we have let contracts to build a road leading to the Lake of the Woods and will reach Nesbitt's Falls this summer."

The township school boards bill was withdrawn on Thursday after-

noon, without second reading, and after certain amendments have been incorporated, the bill will again be printed for further consideration by educational authorities and others interested, before next session. One of the amendments will provide for a financial adjustment as between various sections.

Premier Ferguson before moving adjournment, thanked the members for their almost continuous attendance and devotion to business. In moving a resolution, seconded by Mr. Sinclair, in connection with the celebration of Confederation, the Prime Minister delivered a really noteworthy address which, in the dying hours of the session struck an appropriate note of patriotism and public service. He deprecated a tendency to criticize public men in a way that, far from being helpful, helped to keep outstanding men from entering public service. In conclusion he urged full co-operation and fraternal feeling among all sections of Canada. "We must eliminate imaginary provincial boundaries and make possible the freest intercourse and exchange under all circumstances between East and West, between centre and two extremes. We can only bring this about if we are prepared to look ahead in the future and build toward that objective; make up our minds we are going to be broad enough to be Canadians and patriotic enough to be British citizens, and let other countries of the world know that Canada is proud of the position she occupies today among the nations of the world; that her people have firm confidence in her possibilities and future, and that we have an undying devotion to Canadian ideals and interests, that will contribute in the future to the Imperial forces that so generally direct and influence the affairs of the world."

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The kids chosen for this particular picture were Billy Schaeffer, Jackie Morgan and Turner Savage. They were just typical, mischievous American youngsters and fitted well into the characters they impersonated—that of the children of a care-free gangster, "Stuffy" McGee. Between shots the kids followed Hoot everywhere. It was almost impossible for him to elude them even when it came time to go home. Nor did Hoot want to elude them, for when he was idle the kids were romping with him or getting a ride on his favorite horse. Even on days when the youngsters were not working they were on hand to watch with admiring eyes the stunts of their great pal, Hoot.

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Ten rules for getting rid of a husband were given by Mrs. Ruth J. Maurer, head of a national chain of beauty schools, in an address at the Illinois Hairdressers' Association convention.

They are: Use soap and water for cleaning the face, always scrubbing vigorously, thus leaving the skin dry and harsh.

Avoid use of cream and never use it before applying powder.

Insist on being natural.

Refuse to use powder. Expose yourself to the hot sun. Get tanned and sun-burned, thus dilating the peripheral blood vessels and producing the coarse weather beaten effect known as sailor's skin.

Shampoo your hair with strong alkaline soap. Use various bleaching compounds and poor hair dyes.

Play golf, tennis or take long motor rides without a hat. Never use sun-glasses. Squint and scowl instead.

Drink highballs, cocktails and synthetic gin.

Smoke one or two packages of cigarettes a day, being careful to

inhale. It will stain the finger-tips and discolor the teeth.

Keep late hours; turn night into day. Make it a rule to play cards and dance every night until nervously exhausted.

Get nervous, be as disagreeable as you feel and cultivate a cranky disposition that will aid in printing habitual lines about the mouth and forehead.

The Lost Collection
"Did you give your penny to the Sunday school, Rupert?" asked the fond mother.
"No, ma, I lost it."
"What, lost another one? That makes three Sundays straight you have lost your penny."
"Yes, but if I keep it up I'll win 'em back. That kid's luck can't last forever."

The Open Door
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