

DEWART ENTERS FINAL PROTEST AS BILL PASSES

Southeast Toronto Member Creates Stir in Legislature.

DRURY CONDEMNS ACTION

Premier Scores Questioning As Breach of Parliamentary Decorum.

TORONTO, May 18.—With his honor the lieutenant-governor in the speaker's chair waiting to give royal assent to the provincial treasurer's appropriation tax act amendments, in which is embodied the clause to place a 10 per cent tax on race track wagers, H. Hartley Dewart, K.C., took the floor in the Legislature to protest against the enactment of the measure.

All members were standing, the assistant clerk of the house had read a score of titles, foremost among which was the corporation tax act, and the clerk had made a dignified bow and uttered the word of the sentence which ended the bill into law: "In his Majesty's name, his honor doth assent to these bills."

The most intense quietness prevailed throughout the chamber. The speaker and galleries were visibly startled when the member for South-east Toronto, standing in his place, commenced to speak.

"May I ask the premier," he said, "whether his honor has had the advice of independent counsel with reference to the corporation tax act, and that of the honorable the attorney-general, who has been associated with the social service committee in the view he has so often expressed in the house?"

Drury Makes Reply.

After a moment of quietness Premier Drury answered: "I am not sure that he has."

Then Mr. Dewart continued: "May I ask then, does the premier think it fair to the lieutenant-governor that he should be asked to approve the bill when he has not had the benefit of independent advice?"

"Nobody," answered the clerk, was called to complete his stereotyped sentence, and the incident was over. Premier Drury later tonight characterized as "deplorable," and "an unprecedented breach of the decorum of Parliament." H. H. Dewart, K.C.'s presence at the moment his honor the lieutenant-governor was giving assent to the corporation tax act amendments.

The premier said in his statement: "The effort made by Mr. Dewart the house tonight to interrupt a session while the lieutenant-governor was giving royal assent to measures passed by the Legislature was deplorable, not only as an unparliamentary act, but as a breach of the decorum of Parliament on such an occasion, but because of the reactionary constitutional principle enunciated. The gesture that his honor should rely in the advice of others than his constitutional advisers is so entirely variance with the principle of responsible government that it is surprising in these days of parliamentary democracy. Government that one should venture to make it," he debated on Premier Drury's bill continued tonight in the Legislature when speeches were delivered by Edgar Watson, U.F.O. member North Victoria, and R. R. Hall, member for Parry Sound.

Scores Commission's Acts.

Mr. Watson said he thought he was right in saying the authority of the Commission had been used in a way in which it should have been used in advocating development and voting upon by-laws for hydro radials. In his opinion, he added, a commission appointed by the government should not be the medium for disseminating propaganda of any kind.

The Ontario Legislature spent the afternoon wading through the consolidated bill containing all the amendments to the municipal act which have been favorably reported upon by the municipal committee. The bill was taken up clause by clause by a committee of the whole house. The clause which would have reduced property holders to one vote in municipal elections on money by-laws was thrown out on division, and the law in this respect will remain unchanged, namely that a property owner can vote on these by-laws in any ward in which he has property.

K. Homuth (Waterloo South) introduced a bill to reduce fares to mountain resorts and Pacific coast.

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What Date in Canada Is It? That Depends

SECRET OF SPHINX

Calendar reformers say the sphinx was primarily to measure solar movements and compute astronomical data.

The sphinx, facing east, originally wore, at the crest of its forehead, the carved image of an asp. The asp's head, at sunrise, cast a shadow along the sphinx's body. From this shadow grooves were cut, and from these seasonal markings the Egyptians were able to work out their early calendars.

WHEN it's Jan. 1 in London, Ontario, it's—
Dec. 9 in China.
Nov. 16 in Turkey.
Jan. 14 in Russia, Serbia, Greece and Bulgaria, and
Other dates in various other places. This causes confusion.

Thomas D. Schall wants this country to lay a basis for worldwide calendar reform, by getting our own year established on so scientific yet simple a plan, that other nations will adopt it on its merits.

The old Romans ran their year on the lunar basis. In 46 B. C. Sosigenes, an Egyptian astronomer, advised Julius Caesar to adopt his country's system, which allowed for twelve equal months of thirty days each, the odd five or six days as the case might be, being set apart at the end of the year for festive purposes.

Liked Odd Numbers.

Julius did this, in principle, but being a believer in the luck of odd numbers, scattered the extra days among the various months, alternately. Needing another day to complete this arrangement, he arbitrarily took the thirtieth day from February and gave it to November.

Later Augustus Caesar, apparently simply for the sake of change, altered Feb. 29 Aug. 31, Sept. 31 to Oct. 31, Nov. 30, Dec. 31.

Until 321 A. D. the days of the month were only numbered, not divided into weekly periods. In that year Constantine the Great established the seven-day week, with the

and M. M. MacBride (South Brant) were the chief supporters of the clause, and maintained that it was not fair to allow persons having a number of properties to vote in each ward in which these holdings were located. Often they did not represent more than a few thousand dollars in value altogether, while another man with property worth a million dollars had only one vote because it was located all in one ward. The present law, they claimed, was also unfair to the poor man whose interests were often swamped by persons who had votes in several wards. The members opposing the clause, including Provincial Secretary Nixon, who moved that it be struck out, urged that owners with widespread interests in a municipality should have the bigger say when liabilities were placed on their properties. Premier Drury voted with the majority to keep the clause in.

Discuss Highways.

The longest discussion arose over the section of the bill entitled "deferred widening of highways," which was finally carried. The bill provides that a city of over 50,000 population may by bylaw declare that it intends at some future date to widen a certain street and fixes the line to which it is to be widened. It really becomes a question of "that property which will be taken by the widening when the bylaw is passed, but the city does not take possession until the date fixed in the bylaw, which may be any date between three and ten years. The price to be paid is the value of the property when the bylaw is passed, but as the former owner will have the use of the property in the meantime, payment is not made until the city takes possession. The land to be expropriated will be free of municipal taxes until taken over, but a certain tax will continue to be levied on the building.

An owner who builds on property covered by the bylaw does so at his own risk, and cannot recover further than three-quarters of the value of a temporary one-story building.

The act provides that the only way the bylaw can be repealed is by a two-thirds majority of the municipal council and the approval of the railway and municipal board of the province, who will decide what damages shall be paid to the property owners. There was no opposition to the principle of the bill when it came before the committee today. It was generally conceded that growing cities had to be protected from prohibitive prices in widening thoroughfares.

J. W. Curry (Toronto), who sponsored the bill, read resolutions passed by the Ottawa board of control and editorialized from Ottawa and Hamilton papers endorsing it, to show that it did not affect Toronto alone.

Dewart Moves Reduction.

H. H. Dewart took the position that ten years was too long a term. He moved that it be reduced to five years. Mr. Curry explained that the committee had already reduced the term from 15 years to 10 years, which he thought should be left at that. The house agreed with him.

The clause of the bill which provides that municipalities may hold their elections on the first Monday in December was passed. The bill provides for keeping the polls open until six o'clock, and requires that the financial statements in such municipalities must be submitted to the electors before nomination day, the last Monday in November.

Hon. D. Carmichael introduced an amendment to the power commission act which provides that trustees of a police village may act as a local hydro commission. It slightly changes the form of creating rural power districts, and provides for commissions in portions of townships which are really urban. The afternoon sitting was enlivened by a clash between M. M. MacBride (South Brant) and Premier Drury over a question Mr. MacBride placed on the order paper asking if Lloyd Harris is associated with certain large private corporations. The member for South Brant thought it was time it was answered, and when the premier intimated that he had not taken any



T. D. SCHALL.

rest-giving Sunday, but the months, week or month.

Thus every week would begin on Monday and end on Sunday and the day of the week of any given month would always be the same.

The additional month, to make thirteen, would be inserted between June and July, and Schall suggests "Sol" as its name, that being the month in which—for us—the sun would reach its zenith.

Plans Even Dates.

Schall's proposal is to divide the year into thirteen equal months of four weeks each. This would take care of 364 of the average year's 365 days. The extra day, which Schall would put at the end of the year, would be a national holiday, standing by itself and not as part of any

definite steps to get it answered, Mr. MacBride said it was an insult to him to have his questions so treated, and insisted that the premier answer. The premier said he would, and called the next order of business.

On objection, the speaker ruled that the prime minister before calling the order had sufficiently answered what Mr. MacBride had asked.

The house went into committee, and here the fight continued until the Speaker was brought back and reiterated that Mr. MacBride was out of order in trying to force a discussion of his question.

MANITOBA FLOOD SLOWLY RECEDES

WINNIPEG, May 18.—Conditions are more favorable in the flood areas along the Red and the Assiniboine Rivers today. The water is reported receding in the Assiniboine River at Brandon and Poplar Point. Reburn and Marquette report a slight decrease yesterday, with no appreciable rise during the night.

The situation is viewed more hopefully in Winnipeg today, and it is believed that no serious flood will occur here. The Red River is gradually rising, but so far no land has been flooded.

KILLED BY FREIGHT TRAIN.

ARTHUR, May 18.—John Murchison of Arthur was this afternoon instantly killed by being struck by a train on the Teeswater branch about six miles east of here. Murchison

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Appoint D. M. Ferguson Chairman of Committee To Complete Organization.

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STRATFORD, May 18.—Stratford is to have a branch of the League of Nations Society. This decision was reached at a public gathering here tonight, following an illuminating address by Sir George E. Foster. A committee with D. M. Ferguson as chairman was appointed to complete the organization.

Sir George Foster gave a comprehensive insight into the workings of the league, the remarkable guiding wisdom and harmony displayed at the sessions and dwelt on what had been accomplished through its agency.

Special reference was made to the establishment of the court of international justice.

"If the league had accomplished nothing more than this," he said, "its existence would have been justified."

Pointing out that the nations were so bound together now that another important war could not help developing into a real world war with many times greater horrors than the late war, Sir George urged the necessity of all the people standing firmly in support of the principles of the league and spreading the gospel of its mission. The meeting was held under the auspices of the teachers' association.

WILL INVESTIGATE VALENTINO CASE

LOS ANGELES, May 18.—The federal government through department of justice agents will investigate the marriage of Rodolph Valentino screen actor, to Miss Winifred Hudnut, of New York, at Mexicali, Mexico, it became known here today.

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