

# 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 corporation tax act amendments, in which is embodied the clause to place a per cent tax on race track wagers, H. Hartley Dewart, K.C., tonight in the Legislature embraced an opportunity to register a final 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 amendments, and the clerk had made a dignified bow and uttered the word of the sentence which entered the bill into law. "In his Majesty's name," honor doth ascribe to the bill."

The most intense interest prevailed throughout the chamber. The use and galleries were visibly stirred 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, except that of the honorable the attorney-general, who has been associated with the social service council 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 aware 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 breach at the moment his honor 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 unprecedented breach of the decorum of Parliament on such an occasion, but also as the reactionary constitutional principle enunciated. The suggestion 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 that government should venture to make it."

The debate on Premier Drury's bill continued tonight in the Legislature when speeches were delivered by Edgar Watson, U.E.O. member North Victoria, and R. R. Hall, general member for Parry Sound.

## Scores Commission's Acts.

Mr. Watson said he thought he was right in saying the authority of the Hydro-Electric 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, a commission appointed by the government should not be the medium for disseminating propaganda.

The Ontario Legislature spent much of this afternoon wading through the consolidated bill containing all the amendments to 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 vested property holders to one vote in municipal elections on money by-laws was thrown out on division, and a 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.

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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 to Aug. 31, Sept. 31 to Oct. 31 and Nov. 31 to 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 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. 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 Canadian Pacific Railway freight train on the Teeswater branch about six miles east of here. Murchison



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rest-giving Sunday, but the months, being unequal, were divided erratically by the week unit and under this overlapping, misfit system we have been getting along ever since.

### 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 week or month.

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.

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

### Special to London Advertiser.

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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