

GOVERNMENT IS NOT READY TO AMEND MARRIAGE ACT

Godfrey Bill Withdrawn at the Request of the Provincial Secretary.

Toronto, March 29.—Two physicians occupied the spotlight in the Legislature last night. Dr. F. B. Godfrey, West York, introduced two bills aimed at the prevention of the marriage of misfits, and procreation of idiots and insane persons, and he had a noble supporter in Dr. McQueen, Liberal member for North Wentworth, together with the proposed legislation. They fell.

Hon. W. J. Hanna and Sir James Whitney were quite profuse in the presentation of bouquets to the physician members, but the provincial secretary explained that such legislation could not possibly be adopted this session. The Government was not in readiness to adopt measures provided in his bills. Dr. Godfrey, under these circumstances, withdrew both bills.

W. Proudfoot, Centre Huron, had great praise for the capacity of the Ontario railway board, and he unreservedly expressed his appreciation in the second reading of his bill to place the construction of bridges under the supervision of that body. But, on the request of Hon. Dr. Resumé, he withdrew his bill.

Didn't Go Through.
The bill to regulate the width of tires on wagons and other vehicles, introduced by A. M. Rankin, Frontenac, was sidetracked through the efforts of Provincial Secretary Hanna. In order to protect the highways, Mr. Rankin urged the Government to act immediately. There had been many complaints registered by those interested in good roads about the narrow widths of tires causing considerable damage. And the good roads convention had adopted resolutions to the effect that there should be a quick remedy to the present state of affairs.

Hon. W. J. Hanna declared that the bill should not be given its second reading, because it had been introduced too late in the session. And those affected by the proposed legislation wanted to state their case to the Government. Only four days ago it was presented to the House, and already manufacturers and dealers generally wished to have their say in the matter. He advised that the bill be withdrawn until next session. Mr. Rankin acquiesced.

Inspectors Get Raise.

That public school inspectors will receive an increase of remuneration from \$1,700 to \$2,000 per annum was the gist of an amendment to the public school act. The raise of salary will run over three years with an additional \$100 each year. The bill, which was introduced by Hon. Dr. Pyne, also

posed amendment is unnecessary and undesirable.

The latter amendment the Government objected to for the following reasons: "Because it contains a desirable provision for aiding the construction and improvement of highways; because it is expedient to make provision for the case of any province which may desire to have the minister undertake the construction of a new highway or the improvement of an existing highway; because the section provides a convenient method of co-operation between the Federal and Provincial Governments in the construction and improvement of highways; because there can be no action by the Federal Government under this section, except with the authority and approval of the Provincial Legislature and the Provincial Government; because it is desirable to provide every reasonable means of co-operation between the Federal Government and the Provincial Government for the construction and improvement of highways, consistently with the preservation of Provincial rights, which are thoroughly safeguarded in the said section."

Mr. Cochrane moved that a message be sent to the Senate notifying that body of the Government's position.

Premier Borden briefly supplemented the minister's resolution with his endorsement.

Premier Borden, with all respect, intimated that the Upper House was acting in an incomprehensible manner. "I have hopes, therefore," added Mr. Borden with considerable warmth, "that if my right hon. friend opposite will not visit the Senate too often it will not adhere to its amendments. I note that the amendment of the Senate is couched in precisely the same terms as he amendment he moved in this House. That may be a coincidence or it may not be a coincidence. The subsidy bill does the very thing the Senate has provided for in this amendment. It is true that the subsidy bill is only for one year, but every year Parliament will have the matter under its control. It is perfectly proper, in my opinion, to confer the power upon this Government, and the rights of the provinces are safeguarded. On the whole, I may say that the Government does not desire or expect to concur in these amendments. We gladly accept the five minor amendments, but we do not intend to accept the two in question, and believe this to be an entirely proper action on our part."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

"My right honorable friend seems to be unduly concerned over my visiting the Senate," observed Sir Wilfrid, smiling. "I read something about it in the newspapers myself. I must say," continued the Liberal chief, amid Opposition laughter, "that it is flatly wrong indeed to find how closely and carefully the right honorable gentleman opposite and his press watch my movements, and are concerned over them. However, I must assure him that my mission was not such as he seems somewhat fearfully to attribute to my visit to the Senate. I can assure him it was altogether another matter. I have not conferred with the Senate nor has the Senate conferred with me, but I may tell my right honorable friend that I can see a considerable difference between the bill respecting highways and the bill respecting agriculture. I could possibly point this difference out to him, and perhaps may have opportunity to do so later. In the meantime let me reassure him—(Liberal laughter)—let me reassure him that the purpose of my visit was quite different from that which seems to disturb him and his friends so seriously. And I can only add that I am very sorry that the Government has not seen fit to accept the amendments which have been submitted."

"I was not referring to the past," retorted Mr. Borden, of Sir Wilfrid's alleged visit to the Senate, while the Liberals laughed again. "I was expressing a hope for the future."

"Yes," responded Sir Wilfrid, "based on the past."

Hon. Mr. Cochrane's resolution was then adopted, and the deadlock of the two Houses emphasized.

DEADLOCK OVER HIGHWAYS BILL

Premier Borden Refuses to Accept Amendments of the Senate.

MAY BE A CONFERENCE

Laurier Turns Tables on Premier When Latter Accuses Him of Intriguing.

Ottawa, March 28.—It looks tonight as though the two branches of Parliament had locked horns. The Senate, having amended the Government bill to grant aid to highways by providing, in accordance with the promises of the Government, that the grants made to the provinces shall be made upon the basis of population, and by expanding the clause giving the Minister of Railways authority on his own initiative to build highways anywhere within the consent of the province in question, sent the amended measure back to the Commons for concurrence. When it was reached, shortly before 6 o'clock this afternoon, the Government through Mr. Cochrane and Premier Borden refused to accept the amendments in question.

May Be Conference.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke briefly. He hoped that as a result of the conference, which must be pending, the Government would recognize the wisdom and right of modifying its previous course. Whereupon Premier Borden retorted that "a conference might take place or it might not, and insinuated that the higher chamber was being influenced in its course by visits of the Liberal chief, an insinuation which Sir Wilfrid Laurier laughingly twitted the Premier with securing from the actions of the Conservative press."

The Liberals believe the Senate amendments to the highway bill and to the grain bill clearly in the interest of the country as a whole. On the first issue the Senate is vindicating the constitutional rights of the provinces, and on the second, time militating against any honest effort to encourage good roads. In the case of the grain bill, which was amended today, practically every interest of the West is represented in the amendments, and even the Government, through the Senate leader, Hon. Mr. Loughheed, tacitly admitted the wisdom of the demands of the Grain Growers for the striking out of the car distribution clause and the bringing into effect of the clause regarding sample markets and mixing, only through proclamation of the governor-in-council.

The westerners are now satisfied, and it is safe to say that the Government itself feels that the Senate has done good work in preventing the bill in its original draft going through. The Senate has not "played politics," but has simply vindicated itself as a corrector of ill-advised or unconstitutional legislation in the Commons.

The Highways Bill.

When the Speaker called the consideration of amendments made by the Senate in the highways bill Hon. Mr. Cochrane stated briefly that the Government was prepared to accept five of the amendments made, but moved that the House refuse to accept the two amendments previously indicated, the former "for the following reasons: Because substantially the same amendment has been already considered and rejected by this House; because the supply bill will make provision for the apportionment of the proposed subsidies to the respective provinces for the ensuing fiscal year; because such apportionment can be more conveniently provided for in the annual supply bill, and the pro-

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