

# APRIL FOOL!



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## TECHNICALITY MAY BLOCK DRURY'S BILL

Govt. Tripped Up On Plan To Amend Public Inquiries Act.

RULING EXPECTED TODAY

Three Important Measures Are Forced Back On Shelves by Opposition.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
TORONTO, March 31.—Three Government bills, one after another, were forced back on the legislative shelves without progress during this afternoon's sitting of the Ontario Legislature. When the House arose for supper at 6 o'clock it had not accomplished one single item of business, advanced any bill a single stage, nor had members even rid themselves of a single question of privilege which usually precedes the orders of the day in copious number.

**Strong Opposition.**  
Hon. Harry Miller first essayed to get committee approval of his mining act amendments. It met vigorous opposition in a two-hour debate, and finally the bill was allowed to stand, the committee reporting progress.

Premier Drury hoped to advance one stage his bill to create a Lake of the Woods control board, but Peter Heenan, Kenora, asked that it be allowed to stand over "for a few days or for a few weeks," and after considerable discussion, that item of business was postponed.

Lastly, the premier's new bill to amend the public inquiries act, was tripped up on a technicality by Charles McCrea, Sudbury, and after discussion which lasted until the hour of adjournment, laid over until tomorrow, when Mr. Speaker will give a ruling as to its admissibility.

**May Be Blocked.**  
Of outstanding importance during the afternoon proceedings was the possibility, created by Mr. McCrea's appeal to the speaker, that the Government may not be able to introduce at this session of the House its bill to override the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company's injunction halting the timber probe.

Mr. McCrea, the Conservative member for Sudbury, has challenged the right of the Drury Government to introduce another bill amending the public inquiries act to take care of situations similar to that which has arisen out of the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Mills, Limited, in applying for an injunction restraining the Riddell-Latchford commission from investigating certain matters in connection with the company's business. The ground taken by the member for Sudbury in the Legislature this afternoon was that Bill 193, for which the premier sought a second reading, was in substance the same in principle as Bill 55, which had already been discharged.

**Stifle Proceedings.**  
The principle in both bills was "to stifle proceedings already in the court," said Mr. McCrea, who quoted various authorities, and contended that in the absence of any rule dealing with the matter in the regulations governing the Legislature, the procedure in the British House of Commons must be followed. Therefore he contended, the House, having "expressed judgment," and ordered that the bill be "withdrawn and discharged," the Government was not in order in introducing a bill which was identical in principle at the same session of the Legislature.

Hon. Nelson Parlant, speaker of the Legislature, said that he was "not disposed to give a ruling today, but will give one when the House meets tomorrow afternoon."

**Premier Explains.**  
Premier Drury contended that the principle in Bill 193 was "absolutely foreign" to that in Bill 55, which had been withdrawn. "The very heart of Bill 55 was that the attorney-general should have the say," he said. "It was left arbitrarily in the hands of the attorney-general to decide whether or not proceedings should be commenced against the commissioners."

The new bill, he said, was less arbitrary.  
Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Conservative leader, said that the principle of the bill was not whether the attorney-general or any other person should have the say as to whether or not proceedings might go on, but "whether the citizen shall have the right to litigate." It was a question of "interference with the right of the citizen to submit his views, or what he thinks are his rights to a court," Mr. Ferguson said, and he added that this principle was common to both bills.

**Not the Same.**  
This was not the only cause for complaint, Mr. Ferguson said. The copies of the new bill, which the premier had given to the Opposition leaders were not the same as the printed bill. The copies handed out by Hon. Mr. Drury to Hon. G. Howard Ferguson and H. H. Dewar, K.C., Liberal leader, indicated that it was the intention of the Government to drop from the bill a clause which was in the previous bill, barring all proceedings against commissioners. Premier Drury said that this was merely a clerical error, and the attorney-general lost no time in asserting that it was the intention to carry on with this clause.

**MacBride's Protest.**  
M. M. MacBride of South Brant took occasion once more to protest against the many commissions appointed by the present Government. He said that the people of the province were tired of commissions. He asked if, in the bill before the House, there was any indication of the continuance of commission.

Premier Drury replied that there was not, and added that "when the commissions we have appointed have found out what the people want to know, we will be through with commissions."

Peter Heenan, M.L.A., Kenora, said he did not like the bill which Premier Drury had introduced dealing with the establishment of the Lake of the Woods control board. He characterized it as hasty legislation, and he asked the premier to delay the progress of the bill "for a few days or a few months" until such time as he was able to bring down his delegation of protestants from Kenora and district. Premier Drury said that the west end of the northern part of the province would be very badly off without some such legislation as he was attempting to put through the House. The member for Kenora said it was a matter of vital importance to the town of Kenora, and he thought that a deputation from there should be given an opportunity to wait upon the Government.

**Must Be Protected.**  
"The rights of the province must be amply protected," said Hon. G. Howard Ferguson. "The Government must not concede anything which will invade the

sovereignty of the rights of the province. The Government must be firm in dealing with the Dominion Government and the Government of Manitoba. So far as this province is concerned the paramount interest is power, and we must not sacrifice that. The Government must see to it that the province, and not any private interest or individual gets the preference."

The premier said that the Dominion Government was willing to yield its powers to limit the level of the Lake of the Woods for navigation purposes within the limits set by international agreement to the Lake of the Woods control board. Co-operation was absolutely necessary, he said. The Manitoba Government had not made any representations regarding the matter, the premier added.

"Then you are in the position where you have to abandon your absolute sovereignty," asked Hon. G. H. Ferguson.

"I suppose we are," admitted the premier.

"Do I understand that the member for Kenora is opposed to the bill?" asked Charles McCrea.

"In the present form, yes," replied Mr. Heenan.

**EGG PRICES ARE ON THE TOBOGGAN**

Harrow, March 31.—Egg prices are back to those of pre-war days, and indications point to a still further reduction. They are coming in in large quantities at 25 cents a dozen. One local merchant took in 36,000 eggs last Saturday.

The Easter tea meeting at the Methodist Church was a great success, the Ladies' Aid serving a most excellent dinner. The choir, under the leadership of J. H. Madill rendered a fine musical program of solos, duets, choruses. Miss Beulah Ferris received several encodes in her readings, as did also Miss Eldridge of Detroit, violinist. The referendum organization is doing efficient work preparing the lists and distributing literature. The chairman, Rev. C. R. Durrant, is delivering illustrated lectures on prohibition throughout the county, covering Leamington, Cotnam, Kingsville and Essex last week.

## MAY ASK FOR ANNEXATION

Residents South of Elm Street Want School Privileges.

ST. THOMAS, March 31.—Owing to lack of educational facilities for their little ones on the area south of Elm street, the residents of that locality are agitating for annexation to city limits. The children living just over the corporation boundaries are being banished from local public schools because of the lack of accommodation, so much complained of by the St. Thomas Board of Education.

The area desired to be included has only a scattered population, and with the extension of the local public utilities to the locality, their cost and after maintenance, by the city as a whole, would not justify the corporation in assuming the proposed new responsibility.

A similar offer came from Yarmouth Heights a few years ago, that the suburb on the west side of Ross street, between Wellington and McIntyre streets, was refused tonight at a meeting of No. 2 committee by the property-owners affected. The entire cost would reach \$1,000. The board declined to pay the whole sum.

The property-owners threaten to take proceedings and compel the city to carry out a verbal agreement made some years ago by their city engineer to place the sidewalk in such a position as will permit the residents to reach their backyards from Ross street.

Improve East Street.  
The petition of the property-owners for an asphalt pavement on East street

from Talbot street to Elysian street was allowed, and the construction of a tar macadam on Elysian street west to the end of the improved street was also granted.

An asphalt pavement will be put down on Flora street from Talbot street to the G. T. R. tracks.

**Store Burglarized.**  
The store safe of Edward J. Witherford, Wilson avenue, was broken into this morning and \$10 in American currency taken. The panel of the front door was removed, and the thieves had no trouble in manipulating a pair of Yale locks and entering the shop.

A couple of old broken keys were found on the outside doorsteps. Mr. Witherford is not yet certain if his stock has been touched.

## STRONG OPPOSITION TO WAGE REDUCTION

Railway Employees Will Present Protest At M. C. R. Conference.

ST. THOMAS, March 31.—The local officials of the M. C. R. are silent as to the result of the negotiations now proceeding between the officials and

the employees over a proposed reduced wage schedule.

A stubborn protest will be featured by the big representation going from St. Thomas, especially the mechanical departments. The long delay in reaching some definite figure and the postponing of the re-employment of the men have a serious effect on the business conditions in the city.

**Building Permits.**  
The building prospects show a slight improvement over the possibilities in evidence a month ago. Seventeen permits were issued for March, totalling \$6,325. There is only one residence in the list, a frame to cost \$2,000. The rest of the sum will be spent on repairs and remodelling of dwellings and stores and four garages.

**Consulting Engineer Here.**  
E. W. Lee, consulting engineer, Montreal, who has charge of the new storage dam, is in the city, looking over the situation prior to the preparation of plans and sectional specifications.

W. T. Cochran, Grand Central, has returned from a holiday trip to Toronto.

**SCHOOL IS BURNED.**  
KINCARDINE, March 31.—Fire which is supposed to have originated from the furnace completely destroyed the fine new school at S. S. No. 2, North Line, this afternoon. The loss will be \$5,000. The school was one of the most modern and best equipped in the district.

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