

Consideration Of 27 Bills Keeps MLAs Busy 2 Sittings

The Legislative Assembly spent the bulk of the afternoon yesterday dealing with bills, both government and private members.

An Act Respecting Unlawful Premises promoted by J. David Stewart (P.C.-Charlottetown) passed second reading with minor amendments to the wording.

The act enables a minister, yet to be named by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, to after 30 days notice prosecute anyone whose premises have become unsightly.

Harold Smith (L-4th Queens) said that he was in favor of the spirit of the act but questioned whether it was not a little dictatorial.

Premier W.R. Shaw said he was "very much in favor of this legislation. He didn't think there would be any problems with discretion and diplomacy on the part of the minister in charge."

Mr. Stewart said "rural beautification (referring to the work of the Rural Beautification Society) has been the carrot for a number of years, now we need a prod, this (the new act) will be the prod."

The act provides for a penalty

of a fine up to \$50 or imprisonment up to 25 days for offenders.

WATER WORKS ACT

Mr. Stewart was the promoter of a bill to amend the Charlottetown Water Works Act. The amendment makes it possible for the City Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply to fluoridate the city water only after a plebiscite has been held in the majority of the citizens indicate they wish the water fluoridated.

This bill received second reading without amendment.

Second reading was given to a bill which amends the Act to Provide Assistance to Establish Young Farmers in Agriculture. The amendment makes it possible for the Board to sue and be sued.

This bill was promoted by Alex Matheson (L-4th King). Mr. Matheson was also the promoter of a bill amending the County Court Act. The amendment passed extending the jurisdiction of the court up to a thousand dollars. Formerly it was \$500.

He also promoted a bill amending the Judgment and Execution Act. The amendment passed and the collection of judgments must be made within 20

years. Formerly the period was set for 10 years but was renewable indefinitely.

A bill promoted by Mr. Matheson regarding an amendment to the Vital Statistics Act was defeated. The amendment was concerning alterations to be made in the original registration of a birth. The act was defeated on a straight party vote of some 15.

NIGHT SITTING

The passage of legislation continued during the sitting last evening. All told the Legislative Assembly dealt with some 27 bills yesterday. They defeated two, passed second reading on 10 and gave third reading to some 15.

During the evening sitting the MLAs passed bills making minor amendments to the Village Services Act, The Highway Advertisements Act, The Legislative Assembly Act and The Emergency Measures Act.

An amendment was made to the Town Act giving the right to a taxpayer or the Town Clerk to appeal a decision of The Appeal Board to a judge of the County Court.

The bill to make this amendment was promoted by Hon. Leo Rossiter, minister of municipal affairs.

Death Penalty Debate Expected To Continue

Crown Housing Group Is Authorized In Bill

Second reading was completed in the Legislature last night of a bill that will set up a Crown corporation to provide family housing units for low income families.

Promoted by Health Minister Henry Wedge, the bill creates the Prince Edward Island Housing Authority which has the power to enter into and undertake housing projects either alone or in conjunction with city, town, municipality, or village to which the Village Services Act applies, or with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation or any other agency of Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Canada.

The housing authority is to have a board of directors, consisting of not less than seven members, appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

House Closing Before Easter Being Planned

The government is aiming to close the current session of the Legislature before Easter, Premier Walter R. Shaw said in the House yesterday.

Sittings have been stepped up with two being held yesterday and there is a possibility there will be more than the scheduled number of sittings during the next two weeks.

Before the session prorogues, members must dispose of legislation, reports of select standing committees, resolutions, the budget debate and consideration of departmental spending estimates for the coming fiscal year.

RUSSIANS CUT ISLANDER NET

YARMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—A Prince Edward Island fishing vessel has reported one of her drag nets was cut off by a Russian ship.

Capt. Camille Hache of the Gulf Gallant owned by Gulf Garden Foods Ltd., of Georgetown, P.E.I., said after arriving here during the weekend the Russian fishing vessel did not stop after the incident.

The Gulf Gallant was fishing off Yarmouth.

She won her first prominent Broadway role in 1916. In 1937 she embarked on a radio career that lasted several years, appearing in a weekly soap opera called Second Husband.

Miss Menken was married three times. Her first two husbands were the late film star Humphrey Bogart and Dr. Henry T. Smith.

Stand Pat Budget Expected Tonight

By JAMES NELSON
OTTAWA (CP)—On the eve of Finance Minister Sharp's first budget, there is a growing belief among observers here that he will stand pat on broad policy and make only a few tax rate adjustments designed primarily to promote productivity.

Doing this, he would be following closely the recommendations of the Economic Council of Canada, the government's most distinguished and representative group of economic advisers.

A budget that makes no dramatic or sweeping change in existing tax law also would be in keeping with the fact that important studies are nearing completion both in federal tax

Backbencher Blocks Go Ahead For Today

OTTAWA (CP)—An effort by the government to have the capital punishment debate extended in the Commons was tripped up by a Liberal backbencher Monday night.

Ralph B. Cowan (L-York-Humber) blocked the unanimous consent needed by Works Minister McIlraith, government House leader, to have the debate made item No. 1 for today's sitting.

However, Mr. McIlraith indicated that more time will be made available this week on the resolution sponsored by four private MPs that is aimed at ending capital punishment.

As it stands now, the debate has run through the allotted three sitting days and MPs were still talking at 10 p.m. Monday. Mr. McIlraith said his soundings of the various parties indicated a vote on the resolution probably could be reached after another day of debate.

UNSURE OF SCHEDULE

Because unanimous consent had not been given, Mr. McIlraith said, he could not be sure what item of business would be called first today.

No matter what is called, Finance Minister Sharp will take the Commons floor shortly after 8 p.m. to deliver his budget.

If the government could not find a way to get the capital punishment measure back before the House today, Mr. McIlraith said, perhaps some way could be turned up for MPs to discuss it Wednesday or Thursday. The government proposes to start four days of debate on Mr. Sharp's budget starting Friday.

DRAWN APPLAUSE

Her speech, delivered in slow, measured tones, was applauded by both retentionist and abolitionist MPs.

Mr. Fulton said he will vote against abolition because of his "growing feeling" that the Commons is not in a position as a result of the debate to make a proper decision.

He preferred to join Senate-Commons committee but felt this would require unanimous consent.

CALLS '10 O'CLOCK'

Mr. Latulippe spoke only at the gravity of the question before Mr. Cowan called "10 o'clock," signifying his intention to have the debate come to an end.

Before the House was a resolution that would abolish capital punishment, substitute life sentences where the death penalty now applies and provide that there would be no parole in such cases except after review by the cabinet.

FAVOR RETENTION

State Secretary Judy LaMarsh, first cabinet minister to speak in the debate, Davis Fulton (PC—Kamloops) former justice minister, and Robert Thompson, Social Credit leader, joined the debate Monday on the side of the retentionists.

Miss LaMarsh said she is convinced that for the terrible crime of murder "this most heinous penalty must remain" in the Diefenbaker cabinet, said he would vote against the motion because capital punishment remains necessary for society's protection. He expressed particular concern about organized crime rings.

Mr. Thompson said the scripture gives the final authority on the question and executions are "the exercise of divine authority in the civil sphere."

Miss LaMarsh said "there are some kinds of crimes, some kinds of murders which to me cry out for the ultimate penalty." The death penalty was the "only way we as a society can move to keep the social order as we would have it."

She particularly wanted it retained for the murder of policemen, prison guards and for rape-murders of children.

REPORTS NOT IN Camp's Expenses Top In Election

OTTAWA (CP)—Dalton Camp, national president of the Progressive Conservative party, had expenses of \$43,077 in the Nov. 8 election in a vain attempt to unseat Finance Minister Sharp in Toronto-Eglinton.

Mr. Sharp spent \$32,238.

Mr. Camp's outlay was the largest among 756 candidates on whose behalf accounts of election campaign expenses were submitted. But 255 candidates have not filed an account of their expenses as required under the Canada Elections Act.

The information is drawn from a Commons return by Nelson Castonguay, chief electoral officer.

Stanley Knowles (NDP—Winnipeg North-centre) asked in the Commons Monday whether Prime Minister Pearson was aware that many persons, including some who had received government appointments since the election, had not filed their expenses.

Mr. Pearson said he would be glad to look into the matter.

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