

\$5 POLL TAX ON ALIENS

Bill in Legislature Referred to Municipal Committee of the House

OPPOSITION LEADER ILL

Bill to Let Women Sit as Members of Legislature Introduced by El- liott of West Middlesex.

The Opposition leader, Mr. Proudfoot, was unable to attend yesterday's sitting of the Legislature, owing to illness, and his bill to allow women to become members of the Legislature was introduced by Mr. J. C. Elliott (West Middlesex). It is understood that the Liberal leader is suffering from an attack of the grippe, and that he will be confined to his residence for a day or two. The Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, is also indisposed, and has not been in his seat for two days.

Legislation providing for a poll tax of \$5 on enemy aliens was perhaps the most interesting matter dealt with by the House yesterday. The bill introduced by Mr. G. J. Musgrove (Niagara Falls) applies only to the township of Thorold, where there are about 1,000 foreigners, but it is not improbable that the Municipal Committee, to which body it was referred, will amend the bill so that it will affect the entire alien population of the Province. On the other hand, Mr. Wm. McDonald of North Bruce suggested that this was a matter for the Dominion Government to deal with, and Premier Hearst and the Attorney-General seemed to share that view. Several members expressed the opinion that, no matter which Government acted, the enemy aliens making good wages in Ontario should be obliged to pay their share of the taxes.

Fix Size of Loaves.

Among the important new bills introduced by private members yesterday was one to amend the Bread Sales Act, proposed by Mr. Charles McCrea (Sudbury). At present the size of loaves is fixed by statute at 24 and 36 ounces, and Mr. McCrea wants to give bakers authority to make loaves of special sizes suitable for cutting at lunch counters, restaurants, etc., providing they are used exclusively by the firms contracting for them and are not sold to the public in bulk.

An amendment is proposed by Mr. Hartley Dewart (Southwest Toronto) to the Mining Act to make it clear that where a patent is issued for a mining claim recorded in the name of a mining partnership, it shall issue in the name of the partnership, and not in the name of individual members of the partnership, unless there has been a dissolution of the partnership.

A bill to regulate the use of traction engines on the highways was introduced by Mr. George Henry (East York), who proposes to relieve drivers of traction engines of the necessity of planking bridges before running their engines over them.

Special Levy on Overdue Taxes.

An amendment to the Assessment Act was introduced by Mr. J. A. Pinard (East Ottawa) in the form of a bill to allow cities of over 100,000 population to place an extra charge of six per cent. on overdue taxes. It is understood both Ottawa and Hamilton are anxious to get this privilege, which is enjoyed now only by Toronto.

Mr. W. T. Allen introduced a bill to amend the Landlords and Tenants Act, which was referred to the Legal Committee. Mr. Allen thought the present requirement of six months' notice to terminate a yearly lease was too long. His proposed amendment, however, did not affect farm leases.

Premier Hearst said the present law had been the law for many years and it would be wise to move cautiously before changing it, because they might create a greater evil than the one they were attempting to cure.