...MACHINE IS CONSIDERED

A study of the Maryland statutes with a view to changes which would permit the installation of voting machines as a part of the State election machinery has been undertaken by Governor Ritchie's commission on election law revision, Bernard J. Flynn, chairman, has announced.

Studies which have been undertaken by the commission, according to Mr. Flynn, are as follows:

Changes in the election laws which would make the use of voting machines finally possible.

The desirability of a permanent registration of voters for Baltimore city.

Establishment of a central registration bureau for voters.

The Declaration of Intentions act.

These problems were discussed before the commission by Miss M. Lavinia Engle, Democratic member elect of teh House of Delegates from Montgomery county and former director of the Maryland League of Women Voters, and were recommended to the members for investigation.

Through Miss Engle the Maryland League of Women Voters voiced its approval of voting machines.

The office of the Attorney-General has ruled that five of the machines must be in operation at each voting place during an election and under this ruling the cost of equipping the city with the devices has been deemed prohibitive. The approximate cost with 672 polling places, would be $3,500,000.

The Attorney-General's ruling, Mr. Flynn said, was based on the length of time it takes the average person to record his vote on the machines under the present system of listing the candidates alphabetically.

In New York, where candidates are listed by party, the average time for voting is thirty seconds, whereas, William R. Jones, Assistant Attorney-General, said after tests of the machines here in the last election, it took the voter from three to five minutes to operate the devices.

Miss Engle's plan for permanent registration, Mr. Flynn said, would do away with the present system of general registration of all voters every four years and would provide for supplemental listings from time to time, and periodical revision of the books.

The Declaration of Intentions act was brought before the commission by the action of the Court of Appeals in declaring unconstitutional a recent enactment of the General Assembly waiving the provisions of the act.

Under the provisions of the recent legislative enactment it was no longer necessary for a person to declare his intention of becoming a citizen of Maryland a year prior to registration All that was necessary under the new statute were two affidavits attesting residence in the State for a year prior to registration.

Recommendations of the commission which will hold frequent meetings hereafter, according to Mr. ... be submitted to the Leg... and the Governor about Jan...

...ersonnel of the commission ... besides Mr. Flynn, who is a ...er of the Board of Supervisors ... Elections, assistant Attorney-Gen...ral Jones, J. Craig McLanahan, John M. Requardt, State Senator S. Scott ...eck, Chestertown; Fuller Barnard, Jr., Cumberland; J. Frank Ridenour, Hagerstown; Leo Weinberg, Federick and Benjamin Hance, Prince Frederick.

...SURANCE FOR AUTO OWNERS

...he proposal to make insurance by ...omobile owners compulsory also ... be placed before the assembly. ... G. Barrett, president of the ...est Baltimore Medical Associations ...aving already announced plans to ...rge passage of such a statute.

In addition to these measures, var... State appropriations are to be ...d for which were not included in ... budget last sessions, and in... ...ses are to be sought in others.

Parole Commissioner Ambrose J Kennedy, a member of the senate at the last session, has announced he will ask for more than double the amount given his department in the present budget. He said he would seek a $24,000 per year appropriation to provide for an additionalj parole supervisor, additional traveling expenses and the addition of a clerk to office force.

...hief in the seafood legislation ...hich always plays a prominent part ...n the general assembly session, as one of the State's chief industries, will be the proposal fostered by the Federation of Women's Clubs for a conservation of rock fish in the Chesapeake Bay. Legislation seeking to aid the mining industry of the State was promised in the campaign platforms, but what form it will take has ...ot been announced.

Enthusiasm for a California girl ... won a dish-washing contest is ...d until we learn whether she ...ompetition.

GREATEST OF ALL OYSTER GROUNDS

In the fall, men's palates turn to oysters. And to cater to these palates, the Chesapeake Bay oyster grounds are today resounding with the clank of oyster tongs and the shuffle of thousands of bushels of oyster shells.

"No less than 35 countries have oyster fisheries," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographical Society "Upwords of 20,000,000 bushels of oysters are produced in the world annually. About four-fifths of them are dredged from American waters while France, Japan and China account for the greater part of the remaining one-fourth.

"Sail the coastal waters of the United States," continues the bulletin, "and you will meet oyster fishermen off the coasts of every State except two—New Hampshire and Maine. In fifteen of the coast States the oyster is the chief fishery product. But Chesapeake Bay remains the world's greatest oyster ground.

"If Nature nurtured every young oyster to adulthood, in a few years Chesapeake Bay and other waters in which oysters thrive, would be crowded out of their beds by the bivalves. An adult oyster extrudes millions of young but only a few reach dinner table size.

"For a few days after birth the young, which are invisible to the naked eye, weakly swim about with the tides and currents. Fish and mollucks which strain their food from water as it passes thru their gills devour millions of the helpless infants. Adult oysters, even thus make away with large numbers of the little creatures. At this stage the young are called spat. Several days after birth the spat fall to the sea floor. Large numbers settle on mud and soft sand and are lost. Those that attach themselves to hard, clean objects are saved.

"American oystermen literally lay a floor of oyster shells on their grounds to catch the falling spat. One shell will accommodate hundreds of young oysters. Chinese and Japanese oystermen prefer using tree branches to catch the spat, and at low tide a Japanese oyster 'nursery' resembles a forest of barnacle-covered trees. Stones are strewn about oyster grounds in Australia, New Zealand also in China, while the Dutch and French submerge tiles. Lost running lights of ships and bottles, covered with young oysters have been dreded from oyster grounds. When their shells have developed, the young bivalves are transplanted in deeper water to grow and fatten for two to three years, when they are ready for market.

Nature gave the oyster a hard shell for protection, but did not give the bivalve legs or swimming apparatus to escape all of its enemies. Schools of black drum fish swoop down upon beds, crushing thousands of bushels of adult oysters in their powerful teeth and devouring them. On the Pacific coast a species of the stingray makes similar inroads upon oyster beds.

"In Long Island Sound star fish clamp themselves over the mouths of adult oysters and doggedly cling on until the oysters' muscles relax from fatigue. Then the tenacled attackers insert their stomachs between the shells and swallow the helpless creatures at their leisure.

'Enemies also bore through oyster shells and suck the tender part of the organisms through the holes; while mussels, barnacles and sponges sometimes adhere so densly to oyster shells that the bivalves are literally suffocated or starved to death for lack of oxygen or food.

"Oysters from the eastern coast of the United States have been shipped to the western markets since improvement in refrigerating technique has made it possible to preserve them in a fresh state. The Pacific coast oyster is small; several dozen oysters are not considered too large a 'portion' for one person. They are seldom served on the half shell.

"The oyster was a popular food in Italy a century before the Christian era but Chinese oystermen were probably dredging the sea bottom for the bivalves at a remoter period. Although scientific oyster culture is in its infancy, the oyster now is one of America's most extensively cultivated aquatic animals."

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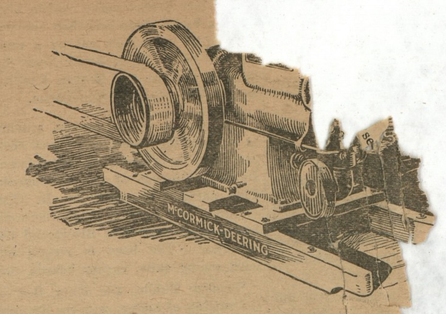
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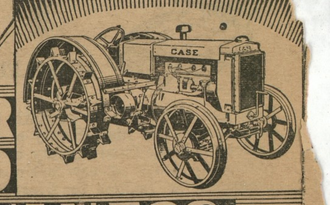
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