

that no other similar industry existed there, that they do not induce thereby an established industry to remove from another part of the Province, and that the total bonus taxation do not exceed one-tenth of the taxation in the municipality.

To Aid Raising of Beets.

The Government will probably place a sum of \$3,000 or \$4,000 in the estimates for the purpose of enabling tests to be made at different points in the Province as to the suitability of beets for producing sugar. The matter has not yet been put in definite shape, but a resolution dealing with it will likely be placed on the order paper in a day or two.

Concession to License-holders.

It is thought the Government will grant liquor license-holders throughout the Province the privilege of paying their license fees half-yearly. At present the privilege is restricted to license-holders in cities. The statement that the Government have decided to enact a law permitting liquor to be sold to guests in hotels during prohibited hours, as it is contended the Legislature originally intended, is not correct. The Government have not considered the matter at all, although Mr. Haverson, the advocate for the liquor-sellers, is urging it upon their attention.

The Opposition Amendment.

Mr. Jessop (Lincoln), resuming the debate on the budget, said that Cahill, whose name was connected with West Elgin irregularities, boasted in St. Catharines that if he was prosecuted he would "bust the Government." Referring to New Ontario, he said there were 100,000 acres of land unfit for cultivation to 100 that was fit. Continuing, Mr. Jessop said our common schools were behind the times. He argued that the Government allowance to high school pupils amounted to \$45 each, compared with about \$2.40 to each public school pupil. He criticized the Government's management of the Pioneer Dairy Farm and the Experimental Farm because they did not sustain themselves, there being larger expenditure than revenue. He complained of the destruction of peach trees under the San Jose scale act by boys in the Government employ who did not know their business. He concluded by moving, in amendment to the motion that the Speaker leave the chair: "In the opinion of this House the evidence given at the trial of the

West Elgin petition on the 20th of June, 1899, and the statements made by the Judges in their report, dated 15th of August, 1899, together with the fact that the said Judges ordered the costs of the petitioner to be paid by Dugald Brown, returning officer at the said election, and Donald Macnish, a candidate at the said election, call for the dismissal by the Government of Dugald Brown from his office of Sheriff of the County of Elgin."

Talks of New Ontario.

Mr. Farwell (East Algoma) spoke of the enormous natural resources of New

Ontario, and lauded the progressive policy, having for its aim the development of that country, originated by the Government. He expressed pleasure that the Province had been shown by the report of the Financial Commission to be in a good financial condition, and said the Government would now be able to make judicious expenditures that would enable Ontario to sustain its present proud position. The expenditure of money upon colonization roads had given good value, and, in the speaker's opinion, there was a larger return for the money spent in this way than from any other service carried on by the Government. Mr. Carscallen had jeered at the agricultural resources of northern Ontario, but in the fertile districts of that country a farmer had better prospects of success than in any other part of Canada. Mixed farming could be carried on, and right at the farmer's door a good market existed, where far higher prices for farm products were realized than in the older districts. The Government, he concluded, would be sustained in the new policy upon which they had embarked.

Mr. Morrison Says "Stupid."

Mr. Morrison (West Hastings) declared that all the talk about a new policy was intended to pull the wool over the eyes of the people and divert attention from the election scandals which had taken place. He accused the Attorney-General of stupidity for preventing the Private Bills Committee from enabling the Town of Belleville to bonus a carpet factory, formerly located in Elora. The result was that that factory, employing 200 hands, was now established in the Province of Quebec.

Province Sound Financially.

Mr. Hislop (East Huron) said that there had been Liberal government in Ontario for over 30 years. During that time they had expended over \$100,000,000, but the Opposition had failed to show that one dollar of that money had been improperly or unwisely expended. The stock argument of the Conservatives was that the Liberals were corrupt. He repudiated any such idea. The Liberals as a party had never been connected with election improprieties, and that was more than the Conservatives could say.

Dislikes Praise of Premier.

Mr. Thompson (Centre Simcoe) protested against the Liberal members' flattery of Premier Ross until the latter had won his spurs. He thought that if the Premier had been sincere in his desire to develop New Ontario he should have given a seat in the Cabinet to the member for West Algoma (Mr. Conmee). He thought many of the public institutions of the Province had too many attendants in proportion to the inmates.

Mr. Wardell moved the adjournment of the debate, and the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

An Apparent Contradiction.

Mr. Matheson will inquire: Is it the intention of the Government to ask the Royal Commission on the financial position of the Province of On-