

NO DIVISION EXPECTED BEFORE TUESDAY NEXT.

Another Day Spent in Debating Reference of Gamey Charges to a Commission—Dr. Reaume Says He Was Offered the Speakership by a Member of the House.

The debate on Premier Ross' motion to appoint a commission to investigate Mr. Gamey's charges was continued in the Legislature yesterday by Mr. Donald Sutherland, Dr. Reaume and Mr. H. J. Pettypiece. The member for South Oxford dealt with the methods employed to unseat him. Dr. Reaume stated that "an honorable member" had proposed "to see that he (Dr. Reaume) got the Speakership" if he would give his support to the Government. Mr. Pettypiece defended the proposal to refer the investigation to a commission of Supreme Court Judges.

The proceedings began with a protest by the leader of the Opposition against the headlines over the report of the proceedings of the House published in yesterday's Globe. He characterized as false the statement that he had "declared that in choosing Chief Justices of the High Court the Government is loading the dice." Mr. Pettypiece on this point read Mr. Whitney's speech as published by The Mail and Empire. The leader of the Opposition objected, and during a discussion in which the Premier, the Attorney-General and Mr. Whitney took part, the latter extended his clenched fist towards the Premier, saying "That is my attitude."

It was announced that the debate would be continued on Monday, but that a division would not be taken before Tuesday.

The belligerent attitude of the Opposition has been revealed by their refusal to grant a "pair" to Mr. John Richardson, who came to the House on Thursday after a serious illness, and after taking the oath left, on his physician's advice, for the General Hospital. The Liberal Whip, Mr. Bowman, sought a pair for him, as had been done for members on both sides in previous years, but Dr. Willoughby refused to accede. As a consequence, a vote being expected, Mr. Richardson was summoned from the hospital, and must postpone special treatment until the present debate is concluded, at least.

THE DEBATE IN THE HOUSE.

Before the orders of the day were called Mr. Whitney called attention to what he termed a misrepresentation of his remarks yesterday. He said he had seldom to complain of reports of his remarks, but the headlines in The Globe with reference to his remarks about the Judges were absolutely untrue. He could not possibly allow it to pass. The headline had said he had "declared that in choosing Chief Justices of the High Court the Government were loading the dice." Every hon. gentleman knew that was an absolute falsehood, and not in accordance with his remarks as reported on the second page. (Opposition-applause.)

Mr. Whitney then added: "I would like to know if it is my hon. friend's intention to inform the members as to the instructions which will be given to the commission."

Mr. Ross—With pleasure. Might I ask if the arrangements for closing the debate are as follows:—Rise at 6 to-day; meet at the usual hour, 3 o'clock, on Monday, have no division Monday, have the debate continued on Tuesday and divide on Tuesday.

Mr. Whitney—It is the arrangement except so far as having the division on Tuesday; the question is left open as to that.

Mr. Ross—There will be a division on Tuesday?

Mr. Whitney—We will be in a position to know in time before that.

Mr. Ross—That will be convenient. I wanted to have it understood before the members left this afternoon. May I ask my hon. friend if he is prepared to place in the hands of the Speaker the papers left with him by the hon. member for Manitoulin?

Mr. Whitney—I am not prepared to accede to my hon. friend's request nor to make any statement with regard to that at present.

Mr. Sutherland Resumes.

Mr. Sutherland (South Oxford) then resumed the debate on the motion of the Premier for the appointment of a commission to investigate charges of bribery made by Mr. Gamey. He first quoted the statement of the Premier: "I want to say to the country that unless our character will stand clear of reproach, above suspicion, vindicated of all such insinuations and charges as have been brought against us by the hon. member for Manitoulin, then we do not want any longer to govern this country. We will govern this country as honorable men, with characters unimpeached, or we shall not govern it at all." Mr. Sutherland then went on to say that he wished he could hope that the Premier was sincere in making the statement. He then referred to the statement of the Premier on his return from England, after the coronation, at Newmarket, announcing that the policy of the Government was to fight. There were never weapons and warfare of such a character as those used in South

Oxford, and in saying so he stated what he knew to be facts. He must say that his ideal of the standard of public life was too high for the class occupying high place in this Province. The weapons used were bribery, intimidation, perjury and subornation. The Premier at Owen Sound had stated that the report that the Speakership had been offered to a Conservative was false. But money was used in South Oxford for the purpose of procuring false evidence. It was the only way in which he could be unseated. That evidence was got, and now South Oxford was branded throughout the Province. He next read an article referring to the judgments in election cases, which he said was from The Globe, and in which it had been stated that he occupied his seat while one Judge had held him guilty of personal bribery. He read another extract from another paper which referred to the decision adverse to him as having been given by "our Judge."

The Premier, amidst laughter, corrected him by pointing out that the expression was "one" Judge.

The South Oxford Evidence.

Mr. Sutherland, continuing, said it was a fact that men working against him had instructions from Toronto. Of the 115 charges 90 were dropped. If they had been proceeded with, still more serious revelations would have been made. If the Government really desired to govern by pure methods why did they keep in their employ men whom they knew to be scoundrels? A man, J. L. Vance, had been in the employ of the Government for many years at a good salary. Vance had been a lawyer in Ingersoll and was appointed Treasurer of the High School Board. In that position he embezzled \$3,000 of school money, and misappropriated a further sum of \$500 entrusted to him for investment. For this he lost his gown and could not practice. He was then taken up by the Liberal party in order to endeavor to keep them in power. Is that the class of clerk the Government should keep in their employ? Vance was known in Ingersoll in his young days as an expert manipulator of ballots at municipal elections. Mr. Sutherland went on to say that all the crimes committed in South Oxford could be traced to a certain source. The trail of the vampire was over them all. There were some bad Liberals in South Oxford, but there were many more of the highest character, and these wanted an investigation into these charges, which had disgraced the grand old riding. There never would have been a protest if the matter had been left to South Oxford, but instructions came from Toronto. After being hounded all that time had he himself at his own expense to see that justice is done? Is there no machinery to punish such crimes?

Tempted With Money.

Mr. Sutherland then read a long list of affidavits from witnesses at the trial of the protest, showing that many attempts were made to buy evidence in support of the charges against him. In relation to one, he said that the evidence showed connection between parties in South Oxford and others in Toronto. His object, he said, was to show that all along people, especially those in poor circumstances, were tempted with money. Has it, then, become so common, he asked, that those in authority think everyone has his price? He read from The Globe a report of a speech of the Premier at Owen Sound to the effect that it was untrue that money was paid in South Oxford. In contrast he read from the address of Judge street in the trial at Woodstock to the effect that money had been paid and that there was no doubt of it, and the Judge said this with all the evidence before him. It