

there. Mr. J. P. Downey took a hand in the matter.

"It is all right for the hon. member to come along with his explanation now," he remarked, "but it is a little belated. He was apprised of the statement at the time it was used by members on this side of the House who asked him to repeat the remark. He, however, replied that if we didn't hear he wasn't going to enlighten us."

"Every member on this side of the House understood that the member for South Wentworth used the expression 'Sheeny Irishmen.' It is all very well for him to put himself right with the newspapers now, but the Attorney-General and I drew attention to the expression when it was used. I do not think it adds dignity to the debate to make references of this kind to any race, whether Jew or Gentile, Irish, Scotch, or English."

Mr. Reed again insisted that he had not made any such reference.

Which Is It?

"Is 'Sheeny' Jew or Gentile?" queried Mr. Reed.

"I think the hon. members on this side of the House and the Speaker will bear me out when I say that the words I used were those I have said I used," continued Mr. Reed. "I had no idea at the time that there was any misunderstanding upon the part of the gentlemen opposite, and if either the Attorney-General or the member for South Wentworth objected then, I did not hear them." And there the incident closed.

Premier Whitney then arose and stated that as there was little probability of getting through with the Budget debate without a session to-night, he would move an adjournment until 2.30 o'clock. The Government had expected to conclude at 6 o'clock to-night.

Mr. McCart Seeks Information.

Mr. W. J. McCart (Stormont) has given notice that he will on Friday next move for a return showing all correspondence between the Government of Ontario or any member or official thereof, and any Judges of the Court of Appeal for Ontario, or of the High Court of Ontario, suggesting or respecting legislation to be introduced into the Legislature during the years 1907, 1908 and 1909.

The Speaker's Dinner.

A COOL RECEPTION.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY DEPUTATION MAKES REQUESTS.

Sir James Whitney Resents Some Language Used in a Statement of the University's Claims — Deputation's Personnel.

The claims of the Western University of London were urged upon Sir James Whitney and members of the Government by a large and representative deputation yesterday. The visitors were formally introduced by Hon. Adam Beck, and were headed by Mr. Justice Meredith, the Chancellor of the university, and Bishop Williams, of the Diocese of Huron.

The Chancellor submitted a statement setting forth the situation in detail. Western University, it said, was at present "starved and dwarfed." It asked equal rights in the matter of education—equal assistance to that given to Queen's University in the east.

Bishop Williams followed with a strong plea on behalf of the clergy. "I'm willing to face unpopularity when I'm right," said the Premier in replying. He alluded to the cause presented on behalf of the cause as "utterly unfair and in some cases absolutely untrue." He scored the Provincial University as asked, "you are prepared to put a piece of dynamite under the present arrangement then I must not only decline to set it off, but also to stay in the neighborhood or have anything to do with the explosion."

Mr. Gibbons suggested a "so-much-per-head" proposition which the Premier said the Government would consider. The deputation included Bishop Williams, representing the diocese of Huron; Father Forster, Principal of the Sandwich Academy; Father Zinger, of St. Jerome's College; Rev. Rich. Whiting, representing the Methodist; Rev. Thos. Mitchell, the Separate School Board; Mayor Beaty, and Aldermen Stephenson, Jeffreys and Saunders; Wm. Gammage, Chairman of the Board of Education; A. White and H. Reason, of the Board of Trade; George C. Gibbons, K.C., Mr. Justice Meredith; representatives of the Trades and Labor Council and the Free Library Board; representatives of the Commercial Travellers' Association, and of the counties of Essex, Kent, Elgin, Middlesex, and Oxford. Lambton, Huron, Perth, and members of the London Utility Commission.

SALE OF DISEASED MEAT. WANT ROYAL COMMISSION.

LONDON WOULD STOP IT, BUT CANNOT FIND A WAY.

Sought to Obtain Permission to Erect a Public Slaughter-house, But Private Bills Committee of the Legislature Threw Clause Out.

An attempt on the part of the city of London to secure power to enter into an agreement for the erection of a public abattoir received a discouraging reception yesterday when the city's bill came before the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature. The clause in the act bearing upon the matter gave the city power to grant to a private company the right to erect a public slaughterhouse. The intention was to prevent the sale of diseased beef in the municipality. At present the farmers may kill diseased beef and bring it into the city for sale, detection being practically impossible after the beef has been dressed. Under the by-law for which sanction was sought, farmers with beef they desired to sell in the city would be compelled to bring it in to the public abattoir, where it would undergo a rigid inspection.

FRUIT-GROWERS URGE INQUIRY INTO INDUSTRY.

Minister of Agriculture Thinks Result Desired Could be Attained Through Bulletins, But Promises to Bring Matter Before Government.

The appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the conditions governing the fruit-growing industry of the Province was urged by the speakers of a deputation which waited upon the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. S. Duff, yesterday afternoon. The deputation was headed by Mr. Samuel Nesbitt, while Mr. J. P. Downey, M.P.P. for South Wellington, also spoke for the fruit-growers. The commission, it was pointed out, would be able, by reports, to give statistics and other valuable information showing fruit-growers what could be done to improve the industry. Hon. Mr. Duff thought that the object could be better served by the departmental bulletins than by a commission, but promised to bring the matter before the Government.