



The lieutenant-Governor leaving the Parliament Buildings after the opening ceremonies yesterday.

LIBERAL LEADER READY; PLANS WORK OF SESSION.

Hon. A. G. MacKay and His Supporters Will Divide the House on the Three-fifths Clause and Other Legislation to be Introduced.

Hon. A. G. MacKay, leader of the Opposition in the Legislature, is ready for the fray, undiscouraged by the disparity in numbers between his following and that of Sir James Whitney. The genial member for North Grey put in a busy day yesterday, and during the evening was in consultation with his lieutenants outlining a vigorous campaign. There are a number of issues upon which the Liberals in the Legislature are determined to make a fight, and the session promises to provide some strenuous debates.

Will Give Hydro System a Show.

With complaints regarding the power service being supplied to the municipalities by the Hydro-electric Commission of almost daily occurrence, and charges of loss in machinery and equipment freely made, the Government have been preparing their defences against an onslaught from the Liberal Opposition upon the operation of the Hydro-electric system. To The Globe last night the Liberal leader made it clear that he was not going to indulge in an captious criticism of the Hydro-electric. It was a trying time for the Commission; the Government were in somewhat of a hole, but the Opposition were not disposed to make capital out of their difficulties. "We have got to give them a chance," he remarked.

Hon. Mr. MacKay declared that sooner or later the three-quarters of the Province outside of the Niagara power zone would come to a realization that they were being unfairly treated; that the credit of the whole Province had been pledged for the benefit of only a periton of it; the

small manufacturer in the northern and eastern towns and cities would realize that he was assisting to develop competition from factories in the power zone which would eventually put him out of business.

A Fight for Technical Education.

The need of immediate action toward the establishment of a system of technical education will again be made the basis of a fight by the Liberal leader. In the House last session Hon. A. G. MacKay, in a vigorous address, pointed out the lack of provision for the youths compelled to leave school at an early age, and declared for a system of night schools that would help to fit them for efficient work. In criticizing the Government for their unprogressive policy

the Liberal leader moved for the appointment of a commission to do for Ontario what the Royal Commission, appointed by the Dominion Government, is seeking to do for Canada at large. He divided the House on the motion, but lost on a straight party vote. That the fight put up by the Opposition was not without effect is indicated by the paragraph in the speech from the Throne foreshadowing provision in the estimates for technical and industrial education.

Government Lack a Policy.

The Liberal leader is not optimistic enough, however, to credit the Government with a determination to take the matter of technical education up in earnest.

"It looks to me like throwing out a sop," he said, smilingly. "Provision in the estimates' means that the Government have formed no policy in regard to the matter. They are going to give a grant and let it go at that."

"But that is not enough," he continued. "Until some provision has been made for the lad who cannot go to college, who cannot even go to the collegiate, the lad who has to leave school at fourteen to earn a living; until we have secured for that lad a system of instruction along technical and industrial lines we are going to keep up the fight."

A Serious Situation.

The Department of Education will come in for some disturbing attention from the Opposition during the session. Last year Hon. A. G. MacKay led the fight against the department, placing upon the shoulders of the Minister of Education the responsibility for the demoralized condition of teaching in the rural sections. Since then the situation has not improved, and the Liberal leader declares that little more than half of the teachers in the rural schools are properly qualified.

"Salaries," he said, "have risen from \$300 to \$500, and it is rather hard on these people that they are unable to get good teachers even now, and have to take those with 'permits' or relicensed teachers.

"The situation is becoming serious, much more so than the people in the cities and towns think. It is back in the townships that they are feeling it."

To Fight Three-fifths Clause Again.

"Yes, we will divide the House again on the three-fifths," remarked Mr. MacKay in response to a question. "The system is absurd and unfair, and we are going to keep right on opposing it."

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