

GIVE ONTARIO A PROPER HARBOR

Mr. N. W. Rowell Urges Protection of Province's Interests.

PREPARES A RESOLUTION.

Wants a Pronouncement on Boundary Question.

Matter to be Brought Up on Wednesday by Liberal Leader and Hon. A. G. Mackay—Reform in Taxation Sought.

The Liberal leader is determined to secure from the Government a definite pronouncement regarding its stand upon the boundary question. The negotiations that have been going on at Ottawa for weeks past have, it is said, given Ontario no shore line on Hudson Bay beyond the Nelson River. The Opposition has taken the stand that Ontario is entitled not only to a harbor at the mouth of the Nelson River, the value of which is problematical, but to one at the mouth of the Churchill River. A resolution giving effect to this view will be introduced in the House on Wednesday next.

It will be moved by Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., Opposition leader, and seconded by Hon. A. G. MacKay, in the following terms:

A Harbor at Port Churchill.

"That in the judgment of this House the Province of Ontario is entitled to its own hinterland, and to have its westerly boundary extended north to the sixtieth parallel, north latitude, so that its northerly boundary shall be the same as that of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, but, in order that the Province of Manitoba may have access to an ocean-going port on Hudson Bay through its own territory this House is prepared to approve a settlement whereby the westerly boundary of Ontario shall be extended north to the Churchill River and shall then follow the middle thread of the Churchill River northeasterly to deep water in Hudson Bay.

"That this House respectfully protests against any settlement of the boundary which shall deprive Ontario of any portion of her hinterland south of the Churchill River, and which does not secure for Ontario a good port on Hudson Bay for ocean-going vessels."

For Taxation Reform.

The Opposition will lose no time in bringing before the House the promised measure to reform the assessment system by giving municipalities the right to tax and assess land at a higher rate than improvements. Mr. Rowell has given notice of a bill which will be along the lines of the Fripp measure of two years ago. The proposed measure will give any municipality the right, upon the presentation to the Council of a petition signed by one per cent. of the ratepayers, to vote upon a by-law providing for the change.

More Judges Not Needed.

The Liberal leader has also given notice of a bill to amend the judica-

ture act by striking out the amendment of 1910 providing for the appointment of two new High Court Judges. This legislation was never given effect to, Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, Minister of Justice in the former Dominion Government, taking the position that extra Judges would be an unnecessary burden upon the public purse.

Session Was Quiet.

The people who gathered in the galleries of the Legislative chamber yesterday expecting to hear the wind-up of a strenuous debate were disappointed. Sir James Whitney deferred the conclusion of his address until Tuesday, and the House was given instead a dry bill of fare in the form of a dozen bills from the Statute Revision Committee. It was explained by Hon. J. J. Foy that the changes in the bills were largely of a verbal character, and they were accordingly given first and second readings without discussion. The changes will be considered when the bills come up in the Committee of the Whole on Tuesday.

The Revised Bills.

The Attorney-General introduced the bill to prevent minors from visiting "poolrooms and other places," and one "for the prevention of excessive and deceitful gaming." Hon. James Duff introduced the following seven:—"Respecting snow fences," "to impose a tax on dogs and for the protection of sheep," "to prevent the spread of insect and fungous diseases injurious to vegetation," "respecting pounds," "respecting the Barberry shrub," "for the protection of bees," and "to prevent the extinction of the plant called ginseng."

Hon. Mr. Lucas introduced a statute revision bill "respecting telephones," and another "respecting the property of religious institutions." Hon. W. H. Hearst introduced the last one, a bill "to authorize the appointment of fire guardians."

Inspectors in Politics.

Before the adjournment Mr. Rowell drew the attention of the Prime Minister to a report that Licence Inspector Bromwell of North Renfrew was taking an active part in the bye-election in South Renfrew as well as Harry Moss, good roads superintendent in South Renfrew. The Liberal leader asked if this would be investigated, and, if correct, be stopped.

"Of course," replied Sir James. "It must not go on. If it is going on we will have it stopped."

Hon. Mr. Hanna stated that his department would not countenance such practices.

Mr. Rowell has given notice of a motion for a return of all the correspondence and documents in the possession of the Government relating to the Manitoba boundary dispute.