
NO LEGISLATION ON BILINGUAL SCHOOLS

CAUCUS DECIDES TO STAND BY RESOLUTION OF LAST SESSION.

There is no disposition on the part of the Government to interfere with the law affecting bilingual schools. This is the result of a caucus of Conservative members of the Legislature yesterday morning, at which the Prime Minister attended. The caucus occupied two hours, and the members for the most part were mum as to what transpired.

Most of the time was taken up in a discussion of the situation relating to English-French schools, based on Dr. Merchant's report, and the decision arrived at was to adhere to the resolution passed last session. A partial reorganization of the Education Department will be made. More inspectors will be appointed and there will be some modification of the curriculum, so that the children will have a better chance to learn the two languages, with the retention of French as the language of instruction in the junior forms and a school subject in the higher forms. A suggestion was made with the view of conciliating the extreme "English only" wing that encouragement would be given to English teachers to learn French. Coincident with the caucus the members received a circular from the Black Chapter of the L. O. L., setting out the resolution passed at a recent meeting of the chapter on the bilingual issue.

Last year's resolution was:

"That the English language shall be the language of instruction and of all communications with the pupils in the public and separate schools of the Province, except where, in the opinion of the Department of Education, it is impracticable by reason of pupils not understanding English."

No Action on Temperance.

An announcement of the Government's policy will likely be made during the next few days. The caucus did not dispose of the temperance question, and another meeting will likely be held next week.

The Government's plan regarding the \$5,000,000 loan for Northern Ontario was outlined in view of a probable discussion when Mr. Lucas' bill comes up for a second reading.

It was virtually admitted that there was no hope of prorogation by Easter.
