

yet were forced to obtain a teacher to instruct in French?"

Dr. Pyne—I can recall no other such case, and I don't know that that is the case here.

Mr. Elliott—That is clearly shown to be the case by these letters.

Another meeting of the committee will be held to-day, at which certain expenditures in the Department of Agriculture will be inquired into.

BILINGUAL DEBATE EXPECTED TO-DAY

Government Defers Statement of Policy to Last Day.

SIR JAMES INDEFINITE.

"Wait and See," Says Premier—Minister of Education Has Not Had Time to Consider Matter—Government House Expenditure.

While Sir James Whitney would make no more definite statement than "You can't tell what a day or an hour may bring forth," when questioned by Mr. Rowell last night, it is confidently expected that this morning's session of the Legislature will bring forth the long-deferred discussion on the bilingual schools, with a statement of the Government's policy in regard to the question. It is expected that the work of the session will be concluded to-day.

During the concurrence in the estimates Mr. Rowell asked: "When will the Government establish the Model schools?"

"The locations have not yet been chosen," replied the Minister of Education.

"In view of the report of Dr. Merchant with reference to the condition of the English-French schools, I would like to ask the Minister what is to be done in respect of these schools?"

"I do not know," said Dr. Pyne.

"Do I understand that the Minister of Education is not able to throw any light on the position or policy of the Government with reference to this important matter at the present time?" pressed Mr. Rowell.

"Wait and See."

"I have not had time to consider the matter, Mr. Speaker. I will in due course," replied the Minister.

Mr. Rowell—What does "due course" mean?

"It means 'wait and see,'" said Sir James Whitney.

Mr. Rowell divided the House on the item of \$150,000 for the new Government House, objecting to the large amount which was apparently to be spent for this purpose, and also objecting to the site itself. His motion to strike out the item was lost by 63 to 19.

Ineffectual attempts were also made by members of the Opposition to strike out the appropriations for bridges and drainage, colonization roads, and for the work in the revision of the statutes.

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