

ance. If the other unit tenders had been used in this comparison the total would have been considerably lower than the McGuigan tender.

A \$170,000 Charge.

Mr. Rowell took Mr. Gaby carefully over the various items in the public accounts, dealing with the expenditure of \$170,000, for which the Province is charged. Mr. Gaby said that for some of these expenditures the Commission would be reimbursed. The money had been paid out for the different services, and a portion of each item was chargeable to capital account. The distribution of the various items would appear in the report of the Hydro-electric Power Commission. There were expenditures for which no return would be made, such as \$4,700 for drawing up regulations with relation to electric wiring, etc., under the act of last session; farming demonstrations, \$23,589; work done for Department of Public Works, \$6,331; inspection of overhead and underground wires, \$4,595.

In endeavoring to arrive at the distribution of these items into the proper accounts Mr. McGarry and the Opposition leader had another clash.

Mr. McGarry took a hand with the witness to "clear up some of the mist that my hon. friend has created." He questioned Mr. Gaby further with regard to the report made by Mr. Sothman upon which the tenders were awarded.

Will Bring Solicitor.

Mr. F. H. McGuigan was called and sworn, but objected to being examined until he had consulted with his solicitor. Muralt & Co., the subcontractors, had issued a writ against him for \$79,000, which was pending in the courts, and while he would be willing to give evidence he would not care to be placed in a position where his case would be prejudiced.

"That is perfectly reasonable," said Mr. Rowell, and Mr. McGuigan was excused until next Wednesday, when he will appear with counsel.

Some discussion arose upon providing Mr. Muralt with the \$250 he demands before coming from New York to give evidence. A recommendation will be made to the House to provide the money in time to have Mr. Muralt attend.

The accounts in respect of new Government House will be inquired into next week.

AID FOR DRAINAGE PLAN.

Request From North Plantagenet and Clarence.

Hon. J. O. Reaume, Minister of Public Works, received a deputation from the Townships of North Plantagenet and Clarence with the request of a grant towards the construction of the Cobb's Lake drainage scheme in Russell and Prescott counties. The members of the deputation were introduced by Mr. Damase Racine, M.P.P. for Russell. Messrs. F. A. Senecal, M. Longtin, Reeves of North Plantagenet and Clarence, F. B. Proctor and R. B. Poulin placed the case clearly before Dr. Reaume. The Minister of Public Works gave the whole matter a patient hearing, and promised to lay it before the Cabinet. The only difficulty was that the request may have come too late to be placed in the estimates for the current year.

SUDDEN MARRIAGES WILL BE STOPPED

Drastic Legislation Proposed
by Province

OPPOSITION WILL ASSIST

Marriage License to be Issued Only
After One of Contracting Parties
Has Been a Resident of Municipality
Thirty Days or After Advertising

As a result of his persistent efforts to place some restriction upon the indiscriminate issuance of marriage licenses, Dr. Forbes Godfrey (West York) had the satisfaction of hearing an announcement from Hon. W. J. Hanna yesterday that the Government was preparing a bill to establish some regulation in this direction. He thought, however, that no substantial progress would be made until all marriage licenses were issued by the Municipal Clerks. He objected to seeing a "marriage license with red seal attached displayed for sale in a Yonge street shop window."

The announcement came as a result of Dr. Godfrey's motion for the second reading of his bill to prevent mentally defective persons or persons in an intoxicated condition marrying. He would also place a penalty upon any minister conducting such a marriage.

Dr. Jas McQueen (North Wentworth) heartily endorsed the proposal. He referred to statistics to show the way in which children or mentally defective parents became public charges, and instanced the case of the famous Duke's family, which had cost the State since 1870 over a million of dollars.

Will Affect Windsor.

In asking Dr. Godfrey to withdraw his bill to make way for the one which the Government was preparing, the Provincial Secretary said the Registrar-General's Department had been considering the whole matter carefully for some time. He had been advised by Dr. Reaume (North Essex) of the traffic in marriage licenses at Windsor, and was endeavoring to draft legislation to meet the situation. The proposed bill contemplated that a marriage license could be issued as at present when one of the parties to the contract was a resident of the municipality for thirty days prior to the time, but where this was not so it would be necessary to advertise the fact in the local paper for at least three weeks before the license could be issued. In cases where parties were coming from distant points to meet at a place agreed upon—for instance, to be married in the home of a relative—permission to obviate the delay could be had from the Registrar-General by telegraph.

Dr. Godfrey's specific clauses relating to idiots, imbeciles and mentally incompetent persons would be provided under a general clause, which as yet had not been finally drafted, as well as the affidavit required, and the penalties for violation of the law.

Mr. Rowell expressed the gratification of the Opposition that the Government had determined to adopt such legislation, and felt sure that every member of the House would give his approval to the bill when it was brought down.

White Women and Orientals.

Another bill introduced by Dr. Godfrey, to prevent the employment of white women by Orientals, was briefly discussed and withdrawn. "The whole question of white women being employed by Orientals in our large cities will never be completely solved until we have a minimum wage," declared Dr. Godfrey. Mr. Allan Studholme said the bill should be