

ment long enough to thank the Federal Senate for passing the subsidy.

Farm Conditions.

On the subject of agriculture Mr. Henry declared that the situation was not so bad as had been represented. Small farms had been increased, individual owners had been increased, and there was a corresponding increase in production. He maintained that the last census did not show that farming in Ontario was on the decline; that farmers were now going into the live stock industry, and taking up those branches that did not require so much outside labor.

More Questions for Government.

Mr. J. G. Anderson (North Bruce) will ask the Government on Monday whether any liquor was seized in the local option territory of North Grey during the month preceding the bye-election on July 14 last summer, and as to what was done with the liquor.

Mr. T. R. Atkinson (North Norfolk) will ask for particulars regarding the cost and the nature of the labor employed in the construction of the prison farm at Guelph.

What were the results of the European investigation of public ownership of telephones made by the Hon. I. B. Lucas in 1912, will be asked of the Provincial Treasurer by Mr. J. C. Elliott (West Middlesex).

Mr. H. Munro (Glengarry) will query regarding the cost of the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway, and the cost of the Elk Lake branch and other branches.

Dr. Preston Remains Whip.

The Conservative members met in caucus for a short time yesterday morning. The sessional program was briefly discussed and Dr. Preston was congratulated on his elevation to Cabinet rank. It was decided that Dr. Preston should continue for a while the duties of Whip, as there was no reason why a member of the Cabinet not holding a portfolio should not discharge the duties of that office. It is likely that a successor will be chosen later in the session. Two men prominently mentioned are Mr. H. Eilber (South Huron) and Mr. C. R. McKeown (Dufferin).
