

grown up features that were objectionable. The Dominion Government had, to a very large measure, controlled the excessive gambling. It was the purpose of this bill to further restrict and control the racing situation.

Hon. Dr. Reaume gave it as his opinion that conditions were better than they used to be, and thought it would be wise to withdraw the bill at present.

Hon. Mr. Lucas was of the opinion that this might be considered a rather radical step, and thought that a Commission to make investigation into the question would meet the situation better.

Mr. Pratt said after this statement he would withdraw the bill, and asked the Government to see that before another session inquiry was made.

#### Royal Ontario Museum.

The bill respecting the Royal Ontario Museum, standing in the name of Hon. Mr. Hearst, and one of the clauses of which was that the cost of the maintenance of the museum shall be borne one-half by the Province and one-half by the Governors of the University of Toronto, passed through committee.

Dr. Reaume's bill to amend the game and fisheries act, by which there shall be appointed a Deputy Minister of Game and Fisheries, also passed its second reading. In answer to Mr. Bowman, Dr. Reaume stated that the total revenues from the Game and Fisheries Department was \$125,000 to \$130,000.

#### Municipal Experts?

In the Legislature last night Mr. G. H. Gooderham (South Toronto) made a plea for a full investigation into the working of the present system of municipal government in the Province of Ontario, more especially as affecting the larger centres of population. He moved that the House was of opinion that a commission should be appointed to investigate and report upon the matter. Mr. Gooderham, in support of his motion, pointed out that Boards of Trade, Trades and Labor Councils and other representative bodies had supported this movement.

Hon. Mr. Hanna admitted that the motion had every merit in it, and referred to the fact that a large and representative deputation had waited upon the Government, who asked the deputation to give the names of a few men qualified to go out and do the work properly. He might say that not a single man up to date wished the job.

Mr. Rowell said he had hoped the Government would have complied with the modest request. He believed that a number of men could be got who would willingly give their services to study this important question, particularly if it embraced the wider range of inquiry into the phase of municipal government which touched the social problems, such as housing and town-planning.

Mr. Gooderham said he might be able in the course of the year to submit a name or two of gentlemen who would act. He agreed to withdraw his motion.

#### Motor Regulations.

Two bills to amend the motor vehicles act, put forward by Mr. Gooderham (South Toronto) and Mr. McDonald (Centre Bruce), were given a second reading and remitted to the Municipal Committee.

#### Foy Defends Appointment.

Hon. Mr. Foy made a statement with regard to the Juvenile Court appointment. The question, he said, had been asked why he hadn't appointed one or other of the many good men who had applied for the post. Mr. Boyd was highly recommended by a large number of people who testified as to his fitness for the position, and in addition to that he had a legal training, which the Government thought was of value. Mr. Foy read a number of testimonials from parties interested in social and church work which alluded to Mr. Boyd's organizing and executive ability, his personality, which inspired confidence, and experience in the handling of children.

## TEACH ETIQUETTE, NOT RUDIMENTS

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RIDICULED IN THE LEGISLA- TURE LAST NIGHT.

If in future years John Smith goes to a large dinner with a black tie or to a small dinner with a white tie, the Department of Education in Ontario will not take the responsibility for such unseemly misconduct. The new text-book on etiquette is for the purpose of protecting the children of Ontario against such acts of carelessness. Mr. T. Marshall (Monck) took occasion to make a few comments on the new text-book last night in the Legislature.

Mr. Marshall was contending that the school curriculum was overloaded, and referred to the Book of Etiquette, in which the authority, because of modesty, refrained from placing his name. Mr. Marshall hinted that Hon. Dr. Pyne himself may have been responsible for it. He wanted to know the value of it, and pointed out that the prelude to the chapter on table manners was: "God may forgive sin, but awkwardness has no forgiveness in heaven or earth."

Mr. Marshall read other extracts from the book to the startling effect that a parlor-maid had no more privilege to use the front stairs than had the rest of the servants, including the 300-pound cook. They were also informed in the book that a white tie at a large dinner was correct, and a black tie at a small dinner was proper.

In the motion of supply Mr. Marshall moved an amendment regretting the lack of constructive leadership in the Department of Education, and expressing the opinion that the curriculum was overloaded, that the rigidity of the present regulations tended to prevent initiative and the development of individuality on the part of both teachers and scholars, that the Government had failed to meet the demand for properly qualifying teachers in the Province.

Hon. Dr. Pyne defended the Government policy and the department, stating that the curriculum as taught depended on the principal and inspector. He also quoted figures that Ontario gave more to education in proportion than did other countries.

That the present system tended more to the acquisition of knowledge than to the development of the child was the statement made by Dr. McQueen, who contended that the system generalized too much.

Mr. Musgrove (Huron) contended that there was no overcrowding.

Mr. Atkinson (Norfolk) advised the return to the model schools, the stepping stones to the sons of the working men.

The amendment failed.