

want to be sure that they get it and not some road job."

### **Insurance Men Not Traitors.**

He disapproved entirely of Mr. McGarry's castigation of the directors of the Canadian life insurance companies as "traitors." There was not one of those companies but was as solvent as the Province. If they were legally charged by the Province they should be made to pay. Last year the Canada Life paid out millions of dollars voluntarily to its policyholders.

"Where did they get it from?" interposed Mr. McGarry.

### **Treasurer Went Too Far.**

"From you and from me," replied Mr. Clarke. The Treasurer had gone too far, he continued. It might have been all right to refer to their declining to pay in other terms, but it was not to be taken that Hon. J. J. Foy, Hon. A. E. Kemp and Senator Lougheed were traitors.

Proceeding, the member for West Northumberland said that never in the history of the Legislature had any previous Provincial Treasurer taken stock of the jails and reformatories to show how the Province stood financially. Ten years ago there was not a dollar of bonded indebtedness—

### **"What About Railway Subsidies?"**

"What about the railway subsidies?" queried Mr. McGarry.

"We do not take exception to your spending money, but we want value received," he declared. Much money could have been saved on important public works like Government House and the Guelph Prison. The corporation tax, succession duties and the Federal subsidy had brought in large returns in recent years, and without this money he did not know where the Government would have found itself.

### **Want Bigger Man for Agriculture.**

He pointed out that although the Government was taking credit for its expenditures on higher education at the University, it only reached about 10 per cent. of the population, while other branches were not efficient. For instance, "you need a man four times as big for the Department of Agriculture," he declared.

### **Total Cost of Government House.**

Mr. Albert Grigg (Algoma) delved into history and contrasted conditions in Northern Ontario to-day with what they were under the old Government. He took issue with Mr. Clarke's statement that the total cost of Government House would reach \$1,500,000, and quoted the figures of the Minister of Public Works that the expenditure to complete it was \$980,000. With reference to the war tax, he repudiated that any class would object to paying its share, and declared that the laboring man with his modest home, as well as the millionaire, would say, "Let me pay, too." (Applause.)

### **Delay in Appearance of Reports.**

On the orders of the day being called, Mr. Rowell again drew attention to the delay in bringing down the Hydro-electric and T. & N. O. reports. Beyond a mere line in the public accounts, the House was not informed of the business of these two departments of the Government, and the members had little time to give them adequate consideration and deal with the large sums required when the information was supplied late in the session.

Mr. McGarry explained that the Hydro report was held up by the municipalities sending in returns. Their books did not close until the end of the calendar year, consequently the final statements were not completed as early as those of the Provincial departments.