

know whether they were going to fight us or not on this particular question."

The Provincial Treasurer had attacked them for withholding the money in a time of stress and strain. Identically the same principle as was now being contested was involved in the collection of that tax for the last fifteen years.

Attacks Mr. Rowell.

The Premier then assailed the leader of the Opposition for the language he used in attacking the public accounts. The Liberal leader, said the Premier, had declared the methods were dishonest and unfair. He had objected to the credit of the men in the insurance business being attacked, but he cared nothing for the financial credit of the Province if he could gain a party turn. What did the Auditor call attention to? asked Mr. Hearst. What were the words he put? Simply a note. "No receipt or payment in connection with these items." There was no attempt to mislead with the figures, continued the speaker, who touched on the entry referred to—\$544,491 T. & N. O. interest. He said the financial critic last year, the member for West Bruce (Mr. Bowman), was frank enough to concede that it was proper to pay the current year's interest out of the T. & N. O. subsidy. If last year it was proper to pay the current year's interest out of that fund why not common-sense to pay this year's current interest out of the present fund? He maintained it was a reasonable, proper and business-like way to treat this money.

Promises to Take Stock.

The Premier admitted this was a good time for financial stock-taking, not only for municipalities, not only for private individuals, but for the Governments of this and other Provinces. That was one of the things they were engaged in, and to which they would devote their attention between now and next recess. The public might rest assured the services of the Province would not be starved. The good work they had been engaged in for the last ten years would proceed.

No Division on Budget.

There was no amendment to the Budget. Mr. Rowell stated it was not the intention of the Opposition to divide the House unnecessarily, and if the Provincial Treasurer had been frank in presenting the financial statement the debate would have been over ere this. Following the conclusion of the debate the House spent some time with the supplementary estimates. A number of items were passed. There was little discussion.

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