

# MR. GAMEY'S ACTIONS DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

## Mr. Rowell Brings Up Manitoulin Member's Transactions

### PREMIER MAKES REPLY

**In Absence of Member Affected He Says Latter is Willing to Meet Any Charges That May be Made — Premier's Peculiar Request.**

It was hardly to be expected that the Legislature would finish its work without a reference to the allegations that Mr. R. R. Gamey (Manitoulin) utilized the influence of his position to dispose of mining stock and real estate to hotelkeepers in the Province. Mr. Rowell asked the Premier yesterday if he had considered the matters, and the Premier replied:

"I presume my hon. friend refers to articles appearing some weeks or months ago in 'The Globe'. I may say, as my hon. friend knows, that any suggestions made in that paper were publicly denied by the member for Manitoulin. The member has stated to myself that he was not chargeable with any impropriety in connection with the matters mentioned or utilizing his position as a member of this House improperly in any way whatever. The hon. member expressed his readiness to meet any charges or suggestions that should at any time be made against him on the floor of the House.

#### That Verdict of 1914.

"I may point out that all the matters mentioned in the press were the subject of debate during the campaign of last June, and were pronounced upon by the hon. member's constituents. The hon. member, as I have said, expressed his desire and willingness to meet anything that could be said against him in connection with the matter. Unfortunately, he was called away to the bedside of a very ill son two or three weeks ago, and has not been able to be present at the closing days of the session.

#### Asks for Clean Bill.

"In view of what I have said, I think my hon. friend will state there is nothing that I could do in the matter or anything that devolves upon me as leader of the House."

Mr. Rowell (smiling)—I do not know that I can accede to my hon. friend's remarks that there is nothing that devolves upon him.

The Premier—If any member

should make any charge against the hon. member for Manitoulin he will be prepared to meet him.

#### The Company Tax.

When the corporation tax bill was going through committee an amendment was introduced increasing the direct tax from \$25,000 to \$30,000. This was done to make sure that the rate would be equal to or greater than the amount of 1¼ per cent. on the gross income of the companies. The restriction upon the amount of refund was removed in order that the Provincial Treasurer might make a refund promptly. This was done to assist fire insurance companies that did a great deal of reinsuring, and would be inconvenienced if the minimum rate was fixed on gross premiums. The clause placing a five-cents-per-hundred-mile tax on parlor and sleeping and dining cars was dropped.

The bulk sales act, which has been a hardy annual for many years, was withdrawn, the redrafted bill coming in too late for consideration.

#### The Education Council.

The bill to change the law respecting the Advisory Council of Education occasioned some criticism. The bill provides that when the term of the present members expires there will be no elections to fill the vacancies. The Premier said that the Council as it existed at present was not satisfactory, and the bill was designed to give the Government a free hand.

Mr. Rowell thought the paucity of results from the Council was due to its limited powers. There should be no further centralization of educational administration.