

worked out he was prepared to adopt it, but he listened in vain for a helpful remark. "If my honorable friend's speech demonstrates that we can, by a Civil Service Commission—

Mr. S. Carter—Yes.

Hon. Mr. Lucas—If we can by that means secure better qualified and more efficient civil servants, then my honorable friend has made a point that this Government is prepared to adopt, but I trust my honorable friend will submit any further material he has upon that.

The Attorney-General proceeded to deal with the contention that all appointments should be on merit, saying that was a wide question, and that Mr. Carter and he might not agree as to what was merit. He doubted whether a Civil Service Commission was suited for a service of the size. He declared there was no spoils system in Ontario, and that many who got their appointments during the Liberal regime were still in their positions.

Must Agree on Principle.

Mr. Rowell said unless the principle was agreed upon it would be idle to proceed with details. The principle was that in appointments to the civil service merit and not party service should be the governing factor. He alluded to the time spent in Great Britain in the matter of civil service reform and the great improvements which had been made. He quoted from Sir George Foster's speech, and urged that it was a problem to be frankly faced in order to reach the best solution practicable. Mr. Rowell considered the time had come when they should rise above party divisions of the past and agree to the principles embodied in the resolution. In conclusion, the Liberal leader made a strong plea for a united effort "to remove conditions which are hampering us in many respects in securing the highest efficiency, and set an example in this matter which will bring credit on our Province and promote a healthy public life throughout the Province."

The motion was declared lost on division.

Budget Speech To-day.

The Provincial Treasurer's Budget speech will be made in the Legislature this afternoon. The plan Mr. McGarry has to raise additional revenue is being awaited with interest, and it is practically certain there will be changes in some of the duties already in force.

Mr. C. M. Bowman, it is expected, will follow Mr. McGarry for the Opposition, but it is not likely he will do so to-day, as the Public Accounts have not yet been tabled, and consequently a claim for time to look into them is reasonable.

Franchise for Women.

In the Legislature yesterday Mr. Rowell, seconded by Mr. Parliament, moved leave to introduce a bill respecting the granting of the legislative franchise to women.

HON. DR. PYNE IS HOME FROM WORK IN ENGLAND

Has Succeeded in Establishing the Ontario Hospital at Orpington

Hon. Colonel (Dr.) R. A. Pyne, Minister of Education for Ontario, arrived home late last night after spending several months in England, where he had charge of the establishment of the Ontario War Hospital at Orpington, Kent. Colonel Pyne was accompanied by Mrs. Pyne and his secretary, Hon. Major Clarkson W. James. The party crossed the ocean on the steamer Rotterdam, which arrived at New York on Sunday afternoon.

Tired and Has a Cold.

Colonel Pyne lost no time in getting home. To a reporter for The Globe who met the train, he said: "I would not give an interview to the King of England this night. I am tired out. We had a rough voyage and I am suffering from a cold. I feel more like getting home and going to bed than giving interviews. I have nothing to tell you anyhow."

"How about the new hospital? Have you completed the organization work?"

"Yes; we secured a very fine site at Orpington in the county of Kent. It is only fifteen miles from London and is near the main road from London to Dover. The hospital is very similar to a British general hospital located in Cambridge. It is of the cottage design, and will accommodate over one thousand patients."

Will Receive Patients Shortly.

Hon. Major Clarkson W. James, Private Secretary to Hon. Colonel Pyne, told The Globe that the Ontario Hospital would be ready to receive patients in the course of the next few weeks.

"We handed the hospital over to Surgeon-General Carleton Jones, Director of Canadian Medical Services," said Major James. "Col. I. H. Cameron of Toronto was left in charge. The staff is now being mobilized, and it is expected it will leave for England shortly."

Col. Pyne and Major James left Toronto for England on the 23rd June last.

SALARY OF \$11,400 DRAWN BY MR. LUCAS

Hon. T. W. McGarry, Provincial Treasurer, did not give the information in this fashion in the Legislature yesterday, but Hon. I. B. Lucas obtains a combined salary of \$11,400 as Cabinet Minister, member of the Hydro Commission, and member of the Legislature. The question was in the name of Mr. W. McDonald, and in reply the Provincial Treasurer specified the clauses where the salaries of a member of the Executive Council and a member of the Legislative Assembly were mentioned, but did not state the sums. As regards the position of a member of the Hydro Commission, it came out that Mr. Lucas' salary was \$4,000.

The combined salary of \$11,400 includes \$6,000 as Attorney-General, \$1,400 as member of the Legislative Assembly, and \$4,000 as a member of the Hydro Commission.