

# THOSE WHO FIGHT TO BE GIVEN VOTE

Ontario Will Enfranchise All  
Her Soldiers

## BILL IN LEGISLATURE

Tributes Paid by Members to Good  
Qualities of Late Hon. J. J. Foy  
and Hon. J. S. Duff—New Govern-  
ment Bills.

A measure will be passed by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario during the present session providing for the enfranchisement of soldiers. Hon. T. W. McGarry, who introduced the bill yesterday, explained that it is intended to meet the case of every man from Ontario who has enlisted with the British or allied naval or military forces. "Every male British subject, whether he has attained the age of twenty-one years or not, will be entitled to vote," said Mr. McGarry, "on the assumption that a man who is old enough to fight is old enough to vote." The announcement was greeted by general applause.

In reply to a question by Mr. Rowell as to when the report of the Nickel Commission would be ready, Hon. Mr. Ferguson said the Chairman of the Commission had been ailing for some two months and the report had been delayed. They expected it would be ready, however, in the course of ten days or two weeks.

In moving the first reading of a bill affecting the Department of Agriculture, Sir William Hearst explained that the object of the measure was to provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Agriculture, to define his duties, and to make permissible the appointment of the two Deputy Ministers.

### Farmers' Co-operative Societies.

The Premier also introduced a bill which has for its object the incorporation of farmers' co-operative societies in the form of an amendment to the Ontario companies act. The legislation was to permit of the more easy organization of farmers' societies. Sir William mentioned that there were in the Province seventy fruit-growers' organizations, sixty egg circles, fifteen vegetable growers' associations, seven seed associations, twenty breeders' clubs, and a number of other organizations. There

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were some 160 creameries and 1,000 cheese factories, many of them owned by the patrons themselves. To indicate the importance of these associations, the Premier mentioned that last year the fruit growers had sold produce to the value of \$442,000; fourteen egg circles had sold \$111,000 worth of eggs, and nine rural organizations had handled \$145,000 worth of produce.

### Tribute to Departed Members.

Sincere tributes were paid to the memory of the late Hon. J. J. Foy, formerly Attorney-General; the late Hon. James S. Duff, Minister of Agriculture, and the late Mr. S. H. Armstrong, M.P.P. for Muskoka. Out of respect to the memory of these men Sir William Hearst, seconded by Mr. N. W. Rowell, moved the adjournment of the House. The remarks of Sir William and of Mr. Rowell were endorsed by Hon. Dr. Pyne, Mr. J. W. Johnson (West Hastings), Hon. Thomas Crawford (Northwest Toronto), and Mr. H. Hartley Dewart (Southwest Toronto).

### Mr. Foy's Charming Qualities.

Sir William Hearst stated that never since Confederation had the House been robbed in one year of a greater number of members through death. Only on two occasions had a similar number of vacancies happened from this cause. Referring to the late Mr. Foy, the Premier said Ontario had produced many notable men, but she had produced few who possessed at the same time the wealth of intellect, the kindliness of heart, the charm and polish of manner, and the fund of humor with which the former Attorney-General was endowed. He was genuinely mourned by a large circle of friends. The laws of the Province bore the mark of his skill as a legal man.

### Mr. Duff's Popularity.

"One of the most genuine and whole-hearted men I ever met, and everyone who had James Duff as his friend had a loyal and devoted champion," was one part of the tribute which the Premier paid to the late Minister of Agriculture. As an indication of the great popularity of Mr. Duff, Sir William Hearst stated that at the last general election only two votes were recorded against Mr. Duff

in his own polling division, and only nine votes against him in the next division, although a large number of strong-minded Liberals resided in these polling divisions.

As regards the late Mr. Armstrong, the Premier said the member for Muskoka was popular with all who knew him, and he took a deep interest in everything pertaining to his constituency.

### Mr. Rowell's Tribute.

Mr. Rowell joined heartily in the tributes. Mr. Foy, he said, was always recognized as a sound lawyer, a man thoroughly trusted by his clients, and the members of the legal profession. He was very highly regarded by the members of the Legislature, and was always prepared to receive suggestions from others, even though he did not always agree with their views. There was not a member of the House who was more courteous and kindly, and his death was a matter of deep regret to all.

Referring to the late Mr. Duff, Mr. Rowell said he possessed in a conspicuous degree a geniality of disposition that won the hearts of all who came in contact with him.

### Mr. Dewart's "Maiden" Speech.

Mr. H. Hartley Dewart, K.C., made his "maiden" speech with a neat tribute to Mr. Foy, and he said in part:

"I desire to add my tribute of appreciation and regard to those that have been so deservedly paid to the memory of the former Attorney-General of Ontario, the late Honorable James J. Foy. I had the honor of his personal friendship for upwards of thirty years, and from the time that I was a junior at the Bar I learned to know and appreciate the soundness of his legal judgment, his courtesy to a legal opponent and his devotion to the best interests of his clients—no matter what was the station in life or financial ability of his client to pay him a just recompense. I am honored by being entrusted with the confidence of the men in the constituency that elected the Hon. Mr. Foy to represent them."

The House adjourned till this afternoon, when the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne will be moved and seconded by Mr. Alex. Ferguson (South Simcoe) and Dr. Jacques (Haldimand). It is expected that they will be followed by Mr. Rowell and the Premier.