

The future. Let us prove true to the splendid record the Canadian boys at the front are making. Let us make a record for Canada that will live for all time among the nations of the earth." (Applause.)

Sam. Carter Rasps Ministers for Records

There was some disorder when Mr. Sam. Carter (South Wellington), who followed, rebuked the Premier for his failure to repudiate the "beer and wine candidate" in Southwest Toronto, Mr. James Norris, and twitted Hon. I. B. Lucas over his famous "ear-to-the-ground" speech in support of the Conservative candidate in that contest. Mr. Carter declared that previous to 1914 practically every bar-room in the Province was closely identified with the Conservative committee rooms.

Amid loud cries of disapproval from the Government benches the South Wellington man proceeded. The Premier would always regret, he said, that he had endorsed the "beer and wine candidate" in Southwest Toronto. The Premier should also have repudiated Mr. Fallis, late member for Peel, over his profiteering on the purchase of war horses. If he had been an elector in Southwest Toronto he would not have voted for Mr. Dewart while he was on the fence. (Laughter.) He did not know how the Government could "double-cross" the liquor men and not get a little jar. But the worst exhibition of all was the spectacle of the two Cabinet Ministers who had gone into Southwest Toronto and made speeches about having their "ears to the ground." (Laughter.) The Premier should have repudiated Norris, the Conservative candidate.

Mr. Lucas Explains.

Hon. Mr. Lucas rose to refer to his widely-quoted remarks and to explain what he really did say on the occasion in question. He said: "I was arguing, I will admit, in a rather stormy meeting, with twenty people interrupting at one time. I said that if Southwest Toronto polls a large majority of two or three or four thousand for Norris we will know what Southwest Toronto means. It will mean that Southwest Toronto thinks we have gone too far in this legislation. But in my very next words, as quoted in the papers, I said Southwest Toronto is not the voice of the Province of Ontario."

The Nickel Taxation.

When the member for South Wellington, referring to the \$40,000 flat rate on the Canadian Copper Company, charged the Government with entering into a secret agreement, or an agreement nobody knew anything about, Hon. Howard Ferguson rose and made an explanation, calling it a tentative arrangement, that so long as conditions were maintained as they were at the time the tax to the amount which had been mentioned should be collected. As soon as conditions changed a difference was to be made.

Mr. Rowell—Is this arrangement referred to in writing?

Hon. Mr. Ferguson—There is no arrangement in writing, no agreement in writing. It was simply to facilitate the work of the mines assessor from year to year, knowing the average for some years.

Mr. Rowell—The hon. gentleman evidently has not read the correspondence of his own department.

Takes Premier's Word.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson—I am taking the Prime Minister's statement. Whatever officials may have recommended has nothing to do with the action of the Prime Minister, who was in charge of the department at the time. I am taking the Prime Minister's statement as to what occurred. There is nothing in writing or any form whatever to show there ever was any agreement.

The Premier then went into the matter somewhat, and stated if conditions changed the Government refused to be tied down. It was a tentative arrangement.

Mr. Carter alluded to the large profits which this corporation had been making, and declared if the Government were going to make additional taxation it was due to the Opposition, who had forced them to act.

Bills to Give Women the Vote.

Before the debate, bills were introduced by Mr. Rowell and Mr. Johnson (West Hastings) giving women

the right to vote at elections for the Legislature, and also extending the municipal franchise to married women. The bills sponsored by the Liberal leader, on behalf of Wm. McDonald and J. C. Elliott, provide for legislation the Liberals have been fighting for during the last few years, and which has been consistently rejected by the Government.

In reply to a question by Mr. Rowell, the Provincial Treasurer intimated that the public accounts probably would be ready at the beginning of the week. The Liberal leader urged that it was necessary the accounts should be before the members in order that they might be in a position to discuss the financial statement. It was quite inadequate to present them to the House the day before the financial statement was submitted.

Paper Scarce for Reports.

The Opposition leader also wanted to know when the reports of the T. & N.O., Hydro-electric, Workmen's Compensation and Niagara Falls Park Commission would be available. Mr. McGarry said the Hydro and T. & N.O. reports were in the printer's hands, but there had been some trouble in securing paper. The report of the Nickel Commission had been given precedence. Only a portion of it, however, was in the printer's hands. Premier Hearst could not tell Mr. Elliott (West Middlesex) when the report of the Medical Commissioner would be ready. The Commissioner was still taking evidence.