

Mond Nickel Taxes.

In reply to Mr. Hartley Dewart, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson stated that the Mond Nickel Co. paid \$4,000 under the mining tax act for the fiscal year of 1915 and nothing for 1916. The date of the 1915 payment was 25th September. The Canada Copper Company paid \$40,000 in 1915 and nothing in 1916. The 1915 payment was made on September 28th.

The House allowed an order by Mr. Sam Carter (South Wellington) for a return regarding correspondence and reports in reference to the purchase or acquirement of the properties of the Seymour Power Company.

Devonshire Racetrack.

Mr. Wigle (South Essex) asks for a return of copies of all correspondence between the Government of Ontario or any member, officer or official thereof, and the Devonshire Racetrack Company or any member, officer or official thereof, and in particular the correspondence between Mr. J. T. White, solicitor to the Department of the Provincial Treasurer, and the Hon. Dr. Reaume, former Minister of Public Works.

Protest Against C.N.R. Plans.

Mr. Thomas Marshall (Lincoln) has given notice of a motion protesting against the approval of the plans of the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway Company or any of its subsidiary companies for a line of railway running from the city of Toronto to the city of Niagara Falls, through the city of Hamilton, or for the approval of the plans for any portion of the said route, on the following grounds, among others: (1) That the said route has been surveyed by the Hydro-electric Power Commission under the provisions of the Hydro-electric railway act, and the municipalities concerned, with but one exception, have voted by large majorities in favor of the construction of the said road by the Hydro-electric Power Commission under the provisions of the said act. (2) The whole question of the future of the Canadian Northern Railway and its subsidiary roads and of the public ownership thereof, and of other railroads, is now under investigation and consideration by a Commission appointed by the Government of Canada, and pending such report no further rights should be conferred upon the said railway in derogation of the rights of the people or that would interfere with the construction, ownership and operation of a railway over the said route by and on behalf of the municipal interests.
