

"plans of the past have proved ill-judged and inadequate." It was the largest and most serious problem before the Provincial Government today, and he urged that it was a problem to which the Government should direct earnest and careful attention. It was out of the question for the municipalities to deal with the matter, as few of the municipalities were in a position to establish an institution. It may be that the whole charge should not be on the Provincial Treasury. It may be that the municipalities should bear their share of the cost, but the whole question should be treated by the Government as one question affecting the welfare of the people of the whole Province, and the Government should map out a policy adequate to the whole situation. Some of the worst cases were in municipalities which were the least capable of dealing with them. In view of the great wastage of valuable lives in the war, conservation of the country's young manhood was especially important at the present time.

Let Clergy Speak Out.

Mr. Musgrove (Huron) regretted that the clergy of the Province were "afraid to touch this question in public." They did not hesitate to discuss the temperance question in their pulpits, and if they would tackle the problem of feeble-minded he was sure beneficial results would follow. He spoke of the work done by the Government for the care of feeble-minded, and moved an amendment congratulating the Government on its efforts to deal with the problem.

Government Just Drifts.

"It makes your blood boil," declared Mr. Allan Studholme (Hamilton), "when you see how this problem is being allowed to drift by the Government. Something bigger, better and broader will have to be done by this Province if we are to cope with the situation, and I am hoping that the new Provincial Secretary will be big enough and constructive enough to introduce a scheme that will be adequate."

Premier Says No Neglect.

Premier Hearst said the Government was considering the whole question of making better provision for the insane, for epileptics and the feeble-minded. The Province had kept pace and more than pace with other sections of the world. However, they would not be content with that, but would consider the question: Are we doing as well as we might be expected to do in all the circumstances? The Premier also referred to the extensions at Orillia and the provision made at the Hospital for Epileptics. They had not been neglecting this important matter and the work would continue to go on.

Speaker Delayed by Wreck.

Mr. Speaker Jamieson was delayed by a train wreck near Orangeville, and did not reach the House until after 4 o'clock. On motion of Sir William Hearst, the Hon. Thomas Crawford presided in the meantime.

Mr. Hartley Dewart (Southwest Toronto) introduced a bill which is intended to repeal what were the objectionable features of the "McGarry bill" passed last session providing for the appointment of a Comptroller of the Ontario Hydro-electric Commission. The Comptroller has not yet been appointed. Mr. Dewart's bill would also eliminate the supervisory powers of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council wherever referred to in the McGarry bill.