

WANT \$40,000 BUILDING FOR COLLEGE OF ARTS

Deputation Asks Government for Financial Aid—Gets Some Encouragement.

Sir Edmund Walker, George A. Reid, Principal of the Ontario College of Arts, C. W. Jefferys, President of the O.S.A., and Mr. Currelly, Curator of the Royal Ontario Museum, waited on Premier the Hon. Sir Wm. Hearst and Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, at the Parliament Buildings on Saturday, and requested the Ontario Government to assume bonds amounting to \$40,000 required for a new building for the Ontario College of Arts.

They pointed out that as they had been told it had been necessary for them to vacate their present quarters in the Educational Building, St. James' Square, to make room for the Workmen's Compensation Board, new premises were needed. The land for these premises had been donated by the Toronto Art Museum, on a site near the present Art Museum of Toronto on Grange avenue.

Mr. Currelly said that it had been necessary to import 300 men recently to do art work in the city, as they were not enough trained men here.

Sir William Hearst thought that owing to war conditions this was an expensive time to do any construction work. He wanted to know if it was the intention of the deputation to ask the Government to take care of the financing of the building. Mr. Currelly said that this had been the idea of the deputation.

The Government's Policy.

Hon. T. W. McGarry was under the impression that the Ontario College of Art was going to finance the new building themselves with a guarantee from the Government. It had been the policy of the Government not to finance any new buildings during the war.

Rhys D. Fairbairn suggested that the Technical School could be used during the summer for the training of the art teachers, but Sir Edmund Walker didn't think the Technical School would produce artists. This wouldn't do for the teachers of Ontario what the College of Art could do.

Sir William Hearst sympathized with the difficulties confronting the deputation, but the war conditions prohibited the construction of a new building at the present time. He thought there was a possibility of leaving the college where it was at present. Hon. Dr. Pyne said there had been no ultimatum to the college yet to vacate the premises, but he had thought they shouldn't be housed in the same building as the Workmen's Compensation Board. The deputation was given to understand if they came back later, when conditions were better, their request would likely be granted.