

referring to the Hydro-electric system, Mr. Sinclair said that in the past year it had been attacked more than ever, and a booklet had been written by a professor of the Provincial University criticizing public ownership. "If the result will be that the capitalists will know they cannot exploit the natural resources of this country, then the sooner they know that the better," he said.

Mr. Wm. McDonald of North Bruce said that money could be saved by reducing the expenditure of administering the Ontario License Board. Four men were paid salaries aggregating \$20,500. Since prohibition had been in operation two men could do the necessary work. It was all wrong that it should require \$186,000 for the administration of that department. He urged that license inspectorates throughout the Province be combined. "Why are there two inspectors for Lambton if it is not for political patronage?" he asked, and he said he believed the inspectors could be dispensed with elsewhere in the Province.

#### **Query for Hon. Dr. Pyne.**

The speaker had some suggestions for the Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Pyne, by which he could save money. "There is a feeling in this country that you should not make any changes of text-books this year, involving a big expenditure to the people," he said, referring to \$9,594 mentioned in the estimates as required for text-books last year. "There are no two things which go home to the people more than agriculture and education. Isn't it your intention to have no revision at all? What do you say?" he asked the Minister. "What do you say? I want to hear from you, and so does the country."

The Minister sat opposite with a slight smile on his face, but made no effort to reply.

"Come on, the truce is on," invited Mr. McDonald, but still no answer was forthcoming from the Minister.

Mr. McDonald suggested that the examinations should be held earlier this year so as to permit the older students to go on the farms. He also suggested that the place for the Government to get the next loan is from the savings banks.

#### **Tribute to Samuel T. Wood.**

Mr. A. E. Donovan of Brockville took occasion to pay a tribute to the late S. T. Wood of The Globe staff. He said that all the members knew him to be a man of brilliant ability, generous and of big heart. Mr. Donovan also congratulated the Provincial Treasurer upon "the excellent financial position of the Province," and spoke at some length in praise of Sir William Hearst's efforts to increase the production of food-stuffs. He scolded "the university professor" who had published a booklet criticizing the Hydro-electric movement, and made important suggestions regarding the taxation of alien enemies working in Canadian factories.

Mr. Severin Ducharme of North Essex moved the adjournment, and will probably resume the debate today.

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