

contribute to patriotic funds the same as others are required to do.

Needs of Agriculture.

Mr. S. Ducharme, North Essex, said he believed tractors are the coming thing on the farms and that the time will come when farmers will consider them indispensable. The speaker said that the growing of sugar beets is increasing rapidly in his part of the Province. The securing of labor is an acute problem, and he suggested that the Government investigate a beet pulling machine, recently devised by a Chatham man. In conclusion, Mr. Ducharme urged that the political truce be a real one, and that the majority be not adamant to the needs of the minority.

Mr. J. M. Robb, Algoma, suggested that the cost of the hunters' licenses be increased, the money to be spent in the destruction of wolves. This would ultimately mean more deer for the gamesmen to hunt.

Utility of Tractors.

Mr. E. P. Wigle, South Essex, agreed that increased production is one of the greatest necessities of the present time. He hoped the Ottawa conference of Provincial Premiers would result in help being supplied the farmers. He suggested that experienced farmers now working in towns and cities be sent back to the farms, possibly by some sort of compulsion.

Mr. J. B. Martyn, East Lambton, denied the statement made by Wm. McDonald, North Bruce, that the reason for two License Inspectors in Lambton county was that of political patronage. He said at first there had only been one inspector and it was found two men were required to do the work, which is heavier because of considerable smuggling being carried on. Government tractors, he said, had taught the farmers the results that can be secured from them, and for that reason alone the Province had been repaid by the purchase of these machines last year.

Benefits of Nickel Tax.

The Government, said Mr. Hartley Dewart, should be thankful "that both Providence and the Liberal party have been very kind to the Province during the last year." He said that had it not been for the nickel tax, which was largely the result of the criticism of the Opposition at the last session, there would have been a surplus of only \$464,000. He expressed the hope that the Government would take steps to collect the arrears of taxation on nickel, which are properly due. The member for Southwest Toronto said he had hoped to hear something in the Address on the establishment of a Provincial nickel smelter, and also as to the delay in the construction of the nickel refinery at Port Colborne.

Taxation of War Profits.

"We have Commissions for nearly everything, particularly when matters need to be whitewashed," continued Mr. Dewart, when he took up the report on Burwash Prison Farm, reading several recommendations to correct minor evils existing there. He also suggested pruning some of the expenditures of such Commissions as the Workmen's Compensation Board and the Ontario License Board. Mr. Dewart suggested the appointment of a Cost of Living Commissioner for the Province, who could investigate war profits of the last three years and arrange that they be taxed.

It is a matter of gratification, said Hon. Mr. McGarry in concluding the Budget debate, that the members of the House have got together with the desire to finish their duties and get home as soon as possible, with a determination to do all they can for the winning of the war. He thanked the members of the House for the way in which they received the report. Occupying high positions as they do, he said, they would endeavor to carry into their work every ounce of ability and patriotism possible.

PLACING LOAN WARMLY DENIED

Provincial Treasurer Makes Heated Rejoinders to Queries on Financing

MISLEADING PUBLICITY

There was a hot time before the orders of the day were called in the Legislature yesterday afternoon, when the Liberal Leader Mr. William Proudfoot, read an article from a Toronto evening paper in reference to a Provincial loan of \$2,000,000, together with extracts from a circular sent out by A. E. Ames & Co. offering bonds for the New Brunswick Government. In the course of the circular there was a statement that the Ontario issue at 6 per cent. had been sold within twenty-four hours. Mr. Proudfoot said he understood from the Provincial Treasurer that the Government had not placed on the market a bond issue of \$2,000,000.

"Where did you understand that from; from the paper?" asked Hon. Mr. McGarry warmly.

"I understood it from what you said in the House," replied Mr. Proudfoot, who asked as to a commission of a half of one per cent. being paid. The Provincial Treasurer heatedly replied that the Liberal Leader should not make statements unless he knew whereof he spoke as "it is a very important matter for the people to know how financing is being done."

Motives for Publicity.

Mr. McGarry, in explaining the loan, said that it had not yet been sold, and that the paper in question had been following it up at the request of certain financial men in the city. It has been usual, he said, for some disappointed broker in the past to get some newspaper to take up their case. He said that there is nothing in connection with this loan that has not been submitted to the best financial men of this city and at Ottawa. If the Liberal Leader understood more about finances and how critical the situation is in Canada at present he would not be exploiting the matter on the floor of the House, said Mr. McGarry angrily.

In New York, Mr. McGarry said, he found he would have to pay 8 and 10 per cent. for money. Returning to Canada, he found no brokers in Toronto or in any other city who were willing to buy any bonds, because they did not know if they could get them on the market. The Province had been cut off in the floating of bonds by the Victory loan. Now there is an order in Council making it necessary to get permission from the Minister of Finance before putting a loan on the market.