ment should fix an age limit for civil servants. He criticized the appointment of Mr. A. H. Musgrove, former P.P.P. for North Huron, to the position of Postmaster of Wingham, saying that a man of sixty-eight years ought to be getting ready to die, instead of trying to learn the ins and outs of a complicated job.

Mr. Dewart, Southwest Toronto, said that according to the working of the bill all applicants for positions under the Government would have to be nominated by the party in power. He asked Mr. Lucas if that were so. The Attorney-General merely smiled.

The bill was eventually reported for third reading with a slight amendment, providing that the measure shall come into force by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor.

MOVES AGAINST FARM PURCHASE

Hartley Dewart Opposes Expenditure of $30,000 in Legislature

In the Legislature yesterday Mr. Hartley Dewart moved to strike out a vote of $30,000 for the purchase of a farm for the Kingston Hospital for the Insane, contending that this was an expenditure which could very well be left until after the war, in view of the scarcity of money. The Provincial Treasurer, however, maintained that it was absolutely necessary to have additional farm lands in connection with the institution at Kingston, and the Prime Minister said the purchase proposed was advisable because the owner of the land they were now using had raised the rent to a prohibitive figure. He added that the Government had been trying a new scheme in connection with Provincial institutions which involved giving more milk and less beef to the patients. It was working out very well, he said. They were also planning to co-ordinate the agricultural work of the Educational and Provincial Secretary's Departments. One of the things they had in mind was the production of pure seed.

A larger scheme involved the purchase of 20 herds of ordinary cattle to be placed on the Provincial Farm for the purpose of breeding them to a pure-bred Holstein bull, and thus improving the quality of the live stock. They would make experiments and observations with regard to the proper housing of these cattle, feeding, etc., and a general study would be made of the benefits that would be derived in the matter of improving the breed. At this farm it is proposed to purchase at Kingston, it is felt that this work of improving the breeds can be carried on to advantage, and the experts are of the opinion that the use of pure-bred sires will be an object lesson to the farmers of the country.

Mr. Dewart's motion was lost.

TOO LATE TO SECURE PEAT FOR NEXT YEAR

DEPUTATION FROM YORK AND SIMCOE COUNTIES WAIT ON SIR WILLIAM HEARST.

The Prime Minister, Sir William Hearst, yesterday told a large deputation from York and Simcoe counties, which waited on the Government, that it is now too late to secure sufficient peat to alleviate the fuel shortage next winter. Sir William, however, assured the deputation that the whole question was being considered by the Dominion and Provincial Governments, and he asked the ready co-operation of the municipalities when the Government policy is formulated. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, announced that 1,000,000 cords of hardwood is available in a strip of land six miles wide along the railway running through Algonquin Park. He said that the Government would give permission to the municipalities to cut the wood this summer, as one means of meeting the fuel shortage next winter.

The deputation was received by Sir William Hearst and Hon. Mr. Ferguson. It was introduced by Mr. George S. Henry of East York, and included Messrs. P. W. Pearson, Deputy Reeve of Newmarket, Chairman; Thomas Grifith, Warden of York County; Mayor Sprott, Barrie; Tom Evans, Bradford; J. M. Walton, Aurora; George Brodie, representing the United Farmers of York; Reeve MacDowell, Midland, and B. W. Hunter, Secretary. "Peat as fuel" was the deputation's slogan, and they proposed that the Government should develop the peat bogs of the Province, particular attention being given to the Holland Marsh area, which is situated about 25 miles from Toronto.