

vancing in cost." declared the Prime Minister.

Extend Moratorium.

Sir William agreed with the suggestion of Mr. Proudfoot that the moratorium should be extended. It was the Government's view that it would be unwise and unsafe to immediately take off the moratorium and bring the law as it existed prior to that act into vogue. "We must give wise consideration to the length of the extension so that conditions will come back to normal as rapidly as possible, and with as little interference as will be safe, without creating dangerous conditions in the Province."

Referring to the remark of the previous speaker about the omission of mention of Northern Ontario expenditures in the Speech from the Throne, Sir William assured the House that when the estimates were brought down it would be shown how active the Government was in development work. "We expect to speed more than ever before the work in that country," he said. Care had to be taken in getting settlers to secure those who would remain on the land, and not get those who would gravitate and cause a labor surplus.

So far as the Department of Labor was concerned, all the work Mr. Proudfoot had suggested should be done was being carried out, the only difference being there was not a Minister giving his whole time to it. He assured the House that as soon as the work became too heavy for Hon. Mr. Macdarmid the burden would be removed from that Minister's shoulders.

Employment Bureaus.

The plans of the Provincial Government, in co-operation with the Federal Government, for a chain of employment bureaus was explained at some length by the Prime Minister. He declared that the Government intended to go ahead at once, even if the cost were high, with its building program. A similar policy should be adopted by municipalities.

"We must have no Bolshevism in Ontario, but we must leave no room for discontent that can possibly be removed," declared the Prime Minister. The housing scheme of the Government, if undertaken by the municipalities, was one of the best plans to provide employment.

"While there may be unemployment now, I have no fear for the future," declared Sir William. "Ontario has such vast resources that if we have the courage to develop them we need have no fear as to unemployment or the prosperity of this Province. We will not only be able to recover from the effects of the war, and to carry the burdens of war debt, but, if our energies are rightly directed, a greater era of prosperity awaits us than we have yet experienced."

WINE AND BEER REFERENDUM?

Conservatives in Caucus— Some Criticism Uttered— Outward Harmony

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Conservatives in the Ontario House held a three-hour caucus yesterday, when some very plain talking took place between the Government members and its followers. The Ontario Temperance Act was one of the big matters that was discussed, but although the meeting lasted from 10.30 in the morning until 1.30 in the afternoon no decision was arrived at as to future action.

From what could be learned in the corridors, it can be said that there was no suggestion that the present Act should be changed beyond what the Government has already foreshadowed. The attention of the anti-temperance members of the party was directed more to the arrangements for the taking of the referendum. The suggestion was made that when the question is submitted to the people as to whether they are in favor of total prohibition or not that the question of having wine and beer licenses be placed before the people at the same time. It would not be surprising if this proposal were put into effect.

Contrary to some newspaper stories, there is no foundation for the statement that a determined attack was made on the Prime Minister personally. That there was some mild criticism of the Government and some complaining is a certainty. However, that was behind closed doors, and when the members came into the House they behaved as if all was harmony, and applauded the Prime Minister with regularity throughout the whole course of his address.

The defeat of the Government in recent by-elections was discussed, but it was said that the result was because of local conditions, and not that there was general dissatisfaction with the Government.