

hind them except their own labor, while the wealthy manufacturers had had "Providence and a providential Government." The Conservative Leader, Mr. Ferguson, continued the Northumberland member, was only boosting for the old tariff—only copying his master, Sir Thomas White."

Mr. Clarke's caricature of Hon. Newton Wesley Rowell as "a man with a beautiful demeanor, lofty ideals and great persuasive powers, gone absolutely wrong," brought the house down. "Look at him to-day," Mr. Clarke exclaimed. "He is gone—gone for the bright lights of Ottawa. He stands to-day a man with no future before him."

He charged Hon. Mr. Ferguson, when he referred to the United States, as merely attempting to boost the old Tory party, which, struggling, turning, twisting and squirming, knew that the time was at hand when the people were going to demand the abolition of tariff privileges.

Temperance—With Reservations.

He would uphold temperance "to the limit—with reservations." He reminded the Attorney-General that the world was not made in a day, the Parliament Buildings were not constructed in a day, and that he, with numerous others in the Province of Ontario, was no believer in "instantaneous religion." The abolition of the bar was a godsend, and he believed 90 per cent. of the people favored that step. Ten years hence 90 per cent. of the people might be in favor of the stringent liquor laws enforced prior to January 1. Repressive legislation, for which huge sections of the people were unprepared, would make "scrappers, fighters and traitors."

Some measure of freedom, he said, was the finest blessing in the world. "Don't listen to the extremes; don't go into the highways and byways and get some fanatic to give you an opinion. Use the common sense of the people at large. Treat them fairly. I submit that the law we had prior to January 1 last was extreme, so far as the progress of this and other Provinces is concerned."

He contended that eastern Ontario had not had its fair share of Hydro, and complimented the Farmers' Government on its policy of giving good roads to the back concessions as a first consideration.

Hon. F. C. Biggs, replying to Hon. George Henry, said that \$66,365.30 had been expended since November 13, 1919, in the purchase of machinery and equipment for the construction of roads. Hon. W. E. Raney told Dr. Forbes Godfrey that Hugh Templin, a newspaper editor of Ferguson, was now engaged in the Parliament Buildings as a proofreader. Hon. Harry Mills has signed three licenses as Minister of Mines, and his authority for doing so was an order in Council.

LEAVES PROSECUTIONS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

ATTORNEY-GENERAL REPLIES TO MAYOR REGARDING SCHOOL BOARD INQUIRY

Hon. W. E. Raney, replying to the request of Mayor Church that prosecutions be instituted against the persons involved in Mr. Justice Lennox's report upon the Board of Education inquiry, says that criminal justice in Ontario is administered by local authorities. "In my view," states the Attorney-General, "if informations are to be laid, this should be done under your instructions or those of the School Board or other local authorities. When informations are once laid, the whole criminal law machinery is available for handling the prosecutions."

NO MORE PROVINCIAL ROADS.

A deputation from Halton county requesting that the road between Brampton and Guelph through Georgetown and Aston be designated a Provincial highway were given little encouragement by Hon. F. C. Biggs yesterday. "The department," said Mr. Biggs, "cannot add Provincial roads to the system in the western section of the Province at present."

BECK AND DRURY HAVE CONFERENCE

Fort Frances \$5,000,000 Project Discussed—Premier Reports Harmony

Sir Adam Beck had a conference with Premier Drury, Hon. D. Carmichael and Hon. Beniah Bowman yesterday on Hydro affairs. The question of the \$5,000,000 Hydro project for supplying power to the Great Lakes Pulp & Paper Company at Fort Frances was discussed. Premier Drury said later that the conference "had cleared the air somewhat" over this question, which has been embarrassing the Government. He said there was nothing yet to announce, as the company had not been heard from. A wire has been sent to them to come to Toronto and present their case.

The Fort Frances power scheme, it is said, practically commits the Government to the expenditure of \$5,000,000 for the supply of power to the pulp mills to be erected at Fort Frances. Of this amount \$2,000,000 has already been expended. The agreement, which has not been reduced to writing, and which, from the Government side, is only evidenced by correspondence, was for the pulp mills to take power from the Government at cost. The Great Lakes Company are now trying to make better terms with the Government. As they are not absolutely tied to the agreement in writing, the Province is in great danger of losing heavily on the scheme.

The whole matter, in its present involved state, came to the Drury Government from the former Administration.

The financial situation may hold up for a time some of the radial projects. Premier Drury said yesterday there was some difficulty there, but that Sir Adam and he were in accord on the matter, and both understood the difficulties. He would make no pronouncement as to policy. However, he intimated that he would, at a later date, say something about Hydro matters. In his address in the debate on the reply to the Speech from the Throne Premier Drury made no comment on Hydro. The only member of the Government who has referred to it yet in the Legislature has been Hon. Manning Doherty, who told yesterday of the benefit to be derived by the farming community.

Has Question Regarding Warehouse Certificates

H. H. Dewart, Liberal Leader in the Legislature, is seeking more information about liquor warehouses in Ontario, and on Friday he will inquire of the Government how many certificates were in force previous to the prohibition of importation by the Dominion Government. He also wants to know what certificates were in existence when the present Government went into office. G. Evanturel (Prescott) wants to know when the Government proposes to pay the fees earned by election officials during the last election. Thomas Marshall (Lincoln) is asking the number of teachers who have contributed to the superannuation fund. Donald McAlpine (Brockville) wants copies of all correspondence between the present Government and the Dominion Government on the question of the eight-hour day. R. L. Brackin (West Kent) has a notice of motion that would wipe out the present system of registration of land titles in this Province, and introduce the Torrens system now in force in the three Prairie Provinces.