

was a new political party. Personally he was concerned more about the welfare of the Province than that of any political party. He referred briefly to the rural schools, asking if the Provincial Treasurer could not " earmark " two millions for rural schools. He thought Toronto would be better off if 100,000 of its people were in rural districts. He was prepared to take it as convincing evidence of no patronage if the three U.F.O. members who gave up their seats for Cabinet members remained at their own farms. The member for North Perth suggested that the Government might provide insurance against unemployment and

sickness. Mr. Hay amused the House with a reference to "the reported willingness of the Farmer members to increase their own indemnity."

The farmers in the past had been exploited for political purposes, just as the Labor men had, said Mr. Halcrow. He predicted that more Labor legislation would be passed this year than any previous Government had passed. He was against a flat rate for Hydro, and said that he differed from Premier Drury on the tariff question.

"I want to explain the beliefs of the people of East Hamilton on the temperance question," said Mr. Halcrow. He declared that "bootleggers" voted for prohibition and that distillers had been in favor of the O.T.A. He expressed the opinion of his constituents that the referendum vote was not an honest vote, and declared himself in favor of lighter grades of beer and wine.

May Double the Tax for Park Purposes

A bill will be brought in the Legislature giving municipalities the power to increase the taxation for park purposes to one mill on the dollar, instead of half a mill, as at present. M. M. MacBride of Brantford will introduce the bill.

A deputation representing various western Ontario cities was given this assurance yesterday by Hon. H. C. Nixon, Provincial Secretary.
