

# SOLDIER M.P.'S HAVE A SET-TO IN LEGISLATURE

## Speaker Has to Stop Inter- change of Some Rather Warm Opinions

### PREMIER ON DEFENSIVE

## Would Not Apologize for An- nouncing Policy Before De- bate on Colony

Individual war records came close to getting aired in the Legislature last night during the debate on the Kapuskasing affair. Two returned soldiers, who are members, started the little fuss, and remarks were being thrown recklessly across the floor of the House when the Speaker stopped it.

Capt. Jos. Thompson (Northeast Toronto) was defending the war record of the late Government and making a few remarks on behalf of the small band of Conservatives in the House. He declared that 40 per cent. of them had seen service.

"What kind of service?" asked Hon. D. Carmichael.

"Nine out of 24 saw service," replied Capt. Thompson.

"Not as fighting men," shot back Mr. Carmichael. "There are only three returned soldiers on this side of the House, but every one of them was a fighting man." Col. Carmichael was with an infantry battalion and won the D.S.O. and M. C.

The Speaker took objection, and Hon. Mr. Carmichael, rising, apologized for starting the discussion, but adding as his reason that "he was pretty well fed up on this kind of thing—fed up on civilians dressed up as soldiers."

### Government Criticized.

The Government got severely criticized for deciding on action in the Kapuskasing affair during the time the debate was on. The Government late in the evening brought in an amendment to the resolution moved by Major Tolmie and Wellington Hay that the report of the Commission be adopted. The amendment simply gives the Government power to make some slight changes. Major Tolmie offered to withdraw his motion, but the Government asked that it stand. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson was criticized for not rising to the defence of the scheme, but he moved the adjournment of the debate and will probably be heard to-day.

Premier Drury said that he did not feel it necessary to apologize to the House for the action taken by the Government. His first knowledge of the Kapuskasing affair was the motion pictures sent around by the last Government. He thought that smacked of political propaganda. The next was the pamphlet sent out by the Liberals headed "The Scandal of Kapuskasing." That must be taken with a grain of salt, he said.

"Was it overdrawn?" asked Mr. Dewart.

The Premier thought it a bit wild. Following it had been a deputation from the Grand Army of Canada. Col. Carmichael was sent North. The Premier defended the Commission appointed to investigate. He had no apology for not consulting the members about