

of the articles to which the Liberal Leader had reference.

He read lengthy extracts from the opinion of Sir Allen Aylesworth, who apparently believed the whole hubbub against the Privy Council to have been raised because in certain appeals the city of Toronto did not get that to which it considered it was entitled. Hon. Mr. Raney said he presumed Mr. Dewart referred to Toronto Street Railway appeals.

"The Toronto Street Railway has rights," retorted the Liberal Leader.

Hon. Mr. Raney—Unfortunately. Mr. Dewart—Fortunately. Because, after all, the interests of those who invest have to be considered.

Challenges Mr. Raney.

Mr. Dewart challenged the Attorney-General to say that "here or hereafter any act passed by this House can interfere with the right of the subject to appeal to the Crown."

Accepting the challenge, Hon. Mr. Raney declared that the Criminal Code took away the right of a subject under sentence of death to appeal to the Crown. Mr. Dewart disputed the Attorney-General's interpretation of the law, and maintained that the act Hon. Mr. Raney proposed to put on the statute books would not be a legal act.

Safeguard to Citizens.

"I believe the greatest safeguard for the Canadian citizen," he said, "is in his right of appeal to the foot of the Throne. I believe that is a right that is given not only to the rich man, but to the poor man. We have demonstrated in the city of Toronto that the poor peddlers can have their rights vindicated, and it may be there are others who will have to adopt the same course. It relates to matters that are far more important than the opinions of Newton Wesley Rowell and others on what are the relations between Canada and the United States, when there is an evident attempt to establish some system, so far as Canada is concerned, of representation at Ottawa which is something that is not akin to British institutions."

Mr. Dewart concluded by characterizing Hon. Mr. Raney's lengthy speech as an effort to give his bill "decent burial."

Hon. George S. Henry, in a brief speech, also passed critical comments on Hon. Mr. Raney's usurpation of two hours of the time of the Legislature when it had already been agreed that the bill was to be withdrawn. As a layman, he was "utterly opposed to tampering with legislation" in the manner proposed.

MORNING SESSIONS TO HURRY MATTERS

Legislature May in This Way Conclude Labors Next Week

Next week, as soon as the committees finish their work, the Legislature will hold morning sessions. The announcement was made by Premier Drury yesterday when asked by Wellington Hay, Liberal Whip. With morning sittings, the session may be concluded next week. Seventeen items were got off the order paper through the third reading route yesterday. These included the changes in the moratorium, the old bounty act, the bill reducing the property qualifications for municipal candidates, the act giving firemen one day off in seven, and many bills of less importance. The Legislature will sit to-night, making the first Friday night sitting this session.

In reply to Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Acting Conservative Leader, Premier Drury said that Hydro legislation would be brought down not later than Monday. A committee of the Cabinet was working on it, he said. The requests of the Commission had been handed in only a few days ago.

COMPENSATION BILL OPPOSED IN THE HOUSE

Hon. George Henry Fears That It Will Frighten Away Industry

HARTLEY DEWART ANGRY

Hon. H. Mills Says Ontario Must be Leader in This Matter

The proposed increases in the scale of compensation for disabled workmen and their dependents met with the opposition of Hon. George S. Henry, Acting Leader of the Conservative forces, and the warmest commendation from Labor members upon the introduction of the bill for second reading in the Legislature last night. At 11 o'clock Hartley Dewart moved the adjournment of the debate.

Hon. Mr. Henry pointed out the need for caution before again increasing by one-third the payments to beneficiaries under the act. There was no act in any other of the Canadian Provinces which went so far. Under the Ontario provisions a family in which there were nine children would be entitled to \$125 per month, whereas Manitoba set the limit at \$60 per month. He also feared that increased benefits would prove an incentive to malingering.

May Frighten Away Industry.

"There is real danger," he declared, "of going beyond what industry will stand. We are working in competition with neighboring States, neighboring Provinces. You may make conditions so burdensome in this Province that industry will not come here. If there are duplicate plants, the plant operating in Ontario will cease operations. This House must be very sure of its ground that it is not going beyond what our neighbors are doing in this line or you are certainly going to drive away one of the assets we have in this Province, and that is industry to build up our country."

The Conservative Leader declared himself in full accord with the desire to give consideration to the widow and dependents, but he very much doubted whether it would be wise to allow the retroactive clauses dealing with the pensioner himself. Although Hon. Walter Rollo protested at the introduction of the subject, Hon. Mr. Henry proceeded to express his opinion that instead of the appointment of a Labor man to fill the vacancy on the board there should be added a qualified medical practitioner.

Fears No Malingering.

Hon. H. Mills, in speaking in support of the proposed increases, quoted statistics to show that among the beneficiaries were children of ten and eleven years of age. There could be no accusation of extensive malingering under the act when it was shown that although between 1,000 and 1,700 workers in 1918 were paid for the actual seven days' lay-off, there were between 1,100 and 1,200 men that went the six days and returned to work on the seventh, thereby losing their claim to compensation. "There may be a few workers who are dishonest," he added, "as there are a few dishonest men in every shade of life."

The Minister of Mines aroused the ire of Mr. Dewart when he referred to the unrest among the workers and declared that there would be a day of reckoning at the polls in regard to this important question. Members, he said, must watch their step