

his departments to form a Cabinet. Premier Drury—I do not think the Cabinet is particularly anxious to delegate any of its powers. I think the feeling is that there should be some advisory body to report the facts.

Mr. MacBride, Brantford, pressed for a definite promise from the Premier, on behalf of the workmen at Niagara, "that such committee shall be appointed at once." Mr.

Speaker ruled that the Premier had given such definite understanding, and motion and amendment were withdrawn and Hon. Mr. Crawford's suggestion was adopted.

Following a criticism from Mr. Dewart that the Hydro estimates should have been presented to the House in a more clearly itemized form, further consideration of them was postponed. The Premier agreed that their importance demanded a more detailed explanation, and this will be obtained.

An estimate of \$263,000 for the completion of the Toronto and Hamilton Highway was challenged by Mr. Dewart as "most extravagant." Hon. F. C. Biggs complained that it had been impossible for him to secure a proper or detailed account of expenditures on the highway to date. Several of his fellow-members concurred in the view taken by the Liberal Leader, but the estimate was finally approved on condition that the funds in question be paid under order in Council.

Opposes Intervention.

Guelph, May 18.—(Special)—T. J. Hannigan, Secretary of the Hydro-electric Municipal Association, stated to-day that the intervention of the Provincial Government in the Chippawa works is uncalled for. In other words, Mr. Hannigan stated the controversy there is none of the Government's business. He points out that the municipalities interested are solely responsible for the Chippawa work, and since the cost falls on them, they are the ones to deal with the situation. The municipalities have not expressed themselves as unsatisfied with the commission, and, according to Mr. Hannigan, the Government should not interfere. Mr. Hannigan stated that a meeting of the Municipal Association would likely be called at once to deal with the matter.

MOTHERS' PENSIONS ACT GIVEN SECOND READING

THE LIBERALS WANT GRADED SCALE, ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF CHILDREN

The Mothers' Pensions Bill was given second reading in the Legislature last night. Liberal members wanted a graded scale for mothers depending on the number of children. This in the act is left to the board of five.

Premier Drury explained that that system would not be fair, as a mother might own a house and then she should not get as much as the woman who was obliged to pay rent. Hon. Walter Rollo estimated that there were 9,000 children in the Province who would benefit. He also thought it would help to keep them out of the Juvenile Court. Municipalities, he explained, paid fifty per cent., and the Government fifty.

He could not agree with Major Tolmie that the children of men sent to jail should be supported. "The Government must make those prisoners work to support their families," said the Minister. There are 200 children in orphanages in Toronto who will benefit, he said.

The act would cost \$800,000 yearly.

EFFICIENCY FIRST TO BE CONSIDERED

Supplementary Statement Issued in House on Train- ing of Teachers

Supplementing his previous statement concerning the abolition of the Faculties of Education at the University of Toronto and Queen's University, Hon. R. H. Grant, Minister of Education, issued another statement before the House yesterday.

In it he stated that it had been decided to conduct the training of candidates for public school first-class certificates in connection with the Normal Schools. Efficiency of training would come first, and the question of expense second. At Queen's the relinquishment of the Faculty of Education came because the number of teachers in training there did not warrant a full organized Faculty. Pending decision whether this Faculty would be established, Queen's requested \$400,000 in aid of medical education.

Unable to obtain expenditures on both faculties, the university decided in favor of medical education. Until the whole situation has been reviewed, it will not be possible to make a definite statement, but the "Enabling Act" passed in 1919 gives the Government the power to establish a College of Education as a substitute for the Faculties of Education. This may be utilized in part of its entirety. The plan which promises best results will be followed. Hon. Dr. Ross (Kingston) expressed concurrence in the statement made by Hon. Mr. Grant.

Member Asks Immunity For Honorable Criminal

K. S. Stover, Liberal member for Algoma, brought up the robbery of the office of Senator Gordon at North Bay in the Legislature yesterday. He said that apparently the robber was a very honorable gentleman, and had taken no money. He understood that a reward of \$500 was offered for his capture. In view of the honor displayed in not taking any money and seeing that his only purpose seemed to be a little destruction, he wanted the assurance of the Government that the robber, if caught, would be immune from punishment. Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney-General, made no reply to the unique request.

Refuge Institutions Ask That Grant be Increased

A delegation from the Federation for Community Service waited upon H. C. Nixon, Provincial Secretary, to submit to him data in regard to the cost of maintenance of dependent children and adults in institutions of refuge and public support in the city.

The delegation submitted costs of supplies, provisions, clothing, labor, etc., covering the range of requirements of the refuge institutions. The present grants to such institutions made by the Provincial Government are 2 cents per day for a child and 7 cents per day for an adult. A bill is now before the House increasing the child's grant to 5 cents per day, but the delegation submitted a request that the refuge institutions should be put on a basis comparable with the rate paid to hospitals.

The Minister, while he did not hold out hopes for any increase in the refuge rate for the current year, stated that the Government would give sympathetic attention to representations which could be made during the intermission.