

COMPENSATION BILL AGAIN DEBATED

A good deal of the afternoon session in the House yesterday was taken in debating the second reading of the amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act. The debate went along quietly enough until Sam Clarke was speaking, when he came back sharply, and to the amusement of the members, in answer to questions flung at him from Mayor MacBride.

Mr. Dewart said that there should be a compromise on the bill, and that the compromise should rest with the Government. Z. Mageau, Sturgeon Falls, contended that there should be a rebate at the end of the year for those in whose employment there were few accidents. The Premier suggested that, as the principle of the bill seemed to be favored, the House pass it on to committee and consider amendments there.

Charles McCrea, Sudbury, maintained that there were new features in the bill. Its retroactive features as regards pensions, its minimum allowance and the assessment of firms of schedule two to pay for accidents and pensions for those on schedule one. Mr. Halcrow made a strong plea on behalf of the workingman.

Karl Homuth said that, except for the railways, the employers could put the cost of the contribution on their product. "Could the farmer?" asked E. J. Evans, South Simcoe. "Would you kick at the price of potatoes if they did it?" "I never have complained about the price of potatoes," was the reply. "Pass that on to your neighbor," was Mr. Evans' advice.

Mr. Price advocated bringing all under the bill. Mayor MacBride adjourned the debate.
