

MANY MEMBERS IGNORE DEMAND OF U.F.O. CLUBS

Civil Servants' Superannuation Bill Carries With Only Seven of Farmer Group Bolting From Support of Govt.

The campaign carried on by the United Farmers of Ontario headquarters against the Civil Servants' Superannuation Bill was not very effective with members of the Legislature, even if it may have started a wave of opposition in the Province. A motion for a six months' hoist in the Legislature yesterday was defeated by 64 votes to 10.

Of the ten opponents of the bill, three were Liberals representing rural ridings. Only seven Farmers bolted. A caucus early in the afternoon apparently got many of them into line. The day before there were 15 or 16 in open opposition. The influence of J. J. Morrison and the central organization melted a little before the arguments of the Premier and his Government. The Labor group and the Conservatives voted solidly for the bill.

The division came quickly, without any further discussion than the few remarks by J. Cridland, Farmer member for South Norfolk, who moved for a six months' hoist. He repeated the arguments previously advanced in the House and those contained in the now famous circular letter sent out by the U.F.O. which alleged class legislation. The Government had no fears, however. The Cabinet members looked calmly across the floor and knew that if practically every Farmer member bolted, the so-called "Opposition" would carry the bill

through and save the Government. They knew, too, that Labor was solidly with them.

All the Liberals who voted for the six months' hoist are farmers, as follows: J. A. Calder (North Oxford), A. P. Mewhinney (West Bruce), J. M. Govenlock (Centre Huron.) The Farmer members who answered the call of the U.F.O. organization rather than that of the Government and voted for the hoist were: J. M. Webster (West Lambton), J. W. Widdifield (North Ontario), R. N. McArthur (West Wellington), H. McCreary (North Lanark), L. W. Oke (East Lambton), J. Cridland (South Norfolk), John Carty (South Renfrew).

With the failure of the motion, the bill was given third reading. The campaign carried on by the U.F.O. headquarters has been a thorough one. Every member representing a riding where there were U.F.O. clubs has received letters. Some clubs, however, did not attempt to dictate to the member. They wrote their member stating that they would trust to his judgment.

Without votes from the Opposition, the measure would have failed. The Government, however, was assured of that support. Now the main thing worrying the members is: "Just how strongly do the people back home feel in opposition to this bill?" Many of them stood up in, and voted in, defiance of the U.F.O. clubs of their ridings.

VACCINATION RESTS WITH GOVERNMENT

Premier Drury Says Health Board Will Not Override it

With the assurance from Premier Drury that the Government would decide when compulsory vaccination was necessary and when such was to be carried out, the bill to amend the Health Act, making the Provincial Board of Health a "body corporate," was given its third reading in the Legislature yesterday. H. H. Dewart, Leader of the Liberals, brought the question up on third reading.

In asking if the act meant that the Provincial board could force compulsory vaccination on a community, he referred to the advertising campaign carried on through certain newspapers during the last epidemic in Toronto. He referred to the pictures published as "loathesome" and "a disgrace to the Province." He did not think that the board should be in a position to enforce compulsory vaccination.

The Government, he continued, should be responsible for any such action, and not men who had certain preconceived ideas on the subject.

Hon. W. E. Raney assured the Liberal Leader that it had nothing to do with vaccination.

Mr. Dewart wanted to know whence came the demand for such legislation. Why should the servants of the Government be incorporated? he asked.

Hon. Mr. Rollo said the measure had nothing to do with vaccination. Premier Drury, following, said that the Government would take responsibility for such an order, and that the Provincial Board of Health would not override the Government.

DEWART ASKS INQUIRY INTO POWER PURCHASE

H. H. Dewart, Liberal Leader, yesterday made a demand in the Legislature that an investigation be conducted into the purchase by the late Government of the Seymour Power Company, now known as the Central Ontario System. His request came when the Hydro estimates were being considered.

The Liberal Leader maintained that the circumstances of the purchase were sufficient to warrant an inquiry. He regarded it as significant that the system was not then taken over by the Hydro. He declared that Sir Adam Beck knew the character of the transaction at the time and would have nothing to do with it. Mr. Dewart declared that the minority shareholders of the company had not received fair treatment.

Would Have More Nickel Refined in the Province

R. Cooper (Welland) yesterday asked the Government if it could not have more Ontario nickel refined within the Province. He stated that the plant at Port Colborne was running only at about one-third capacity. Two thousand more men could be employed if the plant were running full capacity. Hon. H. Mills, Minister of Mines, said that one-third of the Ontario nickel was refined in the Province and the remainder went to New Jersey.

Minimum Wage Bill Gets Third Reading

The Minimum Wage Bill was given third reading in the Legislature yesterday. The bill provides for the setting of a minimum wage for women employees other than domestics and farm laborers by a board of five, of whom two shall be women.