

and urban primary schools, as well as the secondary schools of the Province. The question of providing school organizations to meet the needs for fuller educational advantages in rural districts will be dealt within a practical and comprehensive manner. A committee is at present engaged in considering the high school courses of study and their relation to general education and to vocational training.

"In due course a report will be laid before you giving the findings of the commission of inquiry into the subject of universal finances.

"Recognizing the need of better educational facilities for isolated settlements in the North country, the Government has opened a special form of high school at Monteith, to which pupils may be sent from districts where advanced courses of instruction have hitherto been found impracticable. The success of the new school will have a direct relation to some of the educational problems of Northern Ontario. Measures to attain all these objects and to make the educational systems worthy of the Province and equal to the special needs of the time will be presented for your consideration.

Labor Legislation.

"The welfare of industrial workers is a matter in which all classes are deeply concerned. Under the legislation of last session a minimum wage board has been established and a plan for the payment of mothers' allowances has been put into operation. These measures have met with general acceptance and give promise of satisfactory results. A number of recommendations for legislation for the welfare of labor have been endorsed by the International Labor Congress. In this connection certain measures will be submitted to you, and in order to facilitate the consideration of such matters you will be asked to appoint a standing committee on labor legislation which will afford the House the opportunity of hearing and weighing the views of all parties interested. The earnest desire of the Government and the people of the Province is that your legislation will promote harmony and progress in our industrial relations.

"It is a matter of much satisfaction that the financial strength of Ontario is so well recognized by the investing public as to enable the Government to secure advantageous terms on the money market for the securities of this Province. This fact was demonstrated in a remarkable way by the success of the recent Provincial loan. While the expenditure of the Government under existing conditions of high cost and expanding undertakings has of necessity increased, the revenues are sufficiently buoyant to meet the public requirements.

Hydro Development.

"Much progress was made during the past year in the construction of the Queenston-Chippawa development, which, when completed, will greatly increase the quantity of electrical energy available in this Province. Arrangements have been made for the purchase by the Hydro-electric Power Commission of the plant and transmission lines of the Electrical Development Company. The details of this important proposal will be submitted to you for your consideration and ratification. Projects for the construction and acquisition of certain radial railways have been made the subject of investigation and the result of that investigation will be laid before you in due course.

"The administration of the Ontario Temperance Act has been impaired by the traffic in intoxicating liquors both to and from this Province, but at an early date the question of the continuance of these conditions will be decided by a vote of the people. In the meantime steps have been taken to deal with the situation as it exists, and legislation will be initiated to render such measures effective.

"The work of simplification and codification of the statute law, in which progress was made last session, will be resumed, and continued from time to time until this desirable object has been accomplished. Your attention will be directed to a consolidation of the municipal and assessment laws and to other consolidations for which preparations have been made.

"Several committees of the Legislature have been in session during the recess and have prepared reports upon matters referred to them.

These reports deal with the subject of proportional representation, a memorial to the heroes of the war, the establishment of an Industrial Rehabilitation Board, the administration of the Ontario Temperance Act and the equalization of Hydro-electric rates, and will be submitted to you at an early date.

The Bills Coming.

"You will be asked to consider legislation to provide a system of rural credits for the Province; to amend the Election Act; respecting reforestation; regarding the development of Northern Ontario; to amend the Corporations Tax Act; regarding the status of illegitimate children; to amend the Public Health Act; to amend the Mining Tax Act; regarding the employment of women in restaurants; respecting loan and trust companies; to amend the Highways Act; to amend the Factories Act, and for other purposes.

"The public accounts will be brought down at an early date and in due course supplementary estimates for the current year and estimates for the coming fiscal year will be laid before you.

"In welcoming you to the discharge of your duties, I desire to express the hope that under the guidance of Providence your deliberations may advance the prosperity of the Province and the welfare and happiness of all our people."

DEWART WANTS "A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT"

Motion Disapproves Relegation of Problems to Commissions

E. KENT REGISTRARSHIP

Government is Asked if it is Financing Spracklin's Appeal From Judgment

Among a sheaf of inquiries, motions for return and notices of motions which the Liberals in the Ontario Legislature have all ready prepared is a pointed notice of motion from the Liberal Leader, H. H. Dewart, K.C., calling upon the House to reaffirm its adherence to the principles of responsible Parliamentary government.

The motion which Mr. Dewart will call upon the House to discuss reads: "That this Legislature records its firm adherence to the principles of responsible Parliamentary government, under which the Ministry in power shall take a stand as a Government upon the prominent questions of the day, and also its disapproval of the delegation of authority and the unnecessary appointment of commissions to deal with matters that should be the subject of Governmental action."

After Nickel Co. Taxes.

In another notice of motion the Liberal Leader asks the House to declare that it is the duty of the Government to institute proceedings against the International Nickel Co. to recover unpaid taxes.

There is a motion of return by W. E. N. Sinclair, South Ontario, asking for a return of all departmental or Governmental correspondence leading up to the dismissal of Lewis R. Luke as License Inspector for Ontario county, and an inquiry by the