

thing! I'd rather the Premier than five Morrissions."

Hydro, the speaker said, had been made a political card by the Conservatives, who were no more entitled than the Liberals for credit upon its development. Probably the late Administration had made too much of their pet project. No man in the House, he declared warmly, respected and admired Sir Adam Beck more than he, but the Hydro system belonged to all the people, and not to any one man or any one group of interests. If the system were developed, as it should be, in rural parts, there could be an increase of 25 per cent. in farm production. It could not be confined to towns and cities, and it did not mean Hydro-radial extension, in his opinion. "Hydro power and radials are different, as the Premier has stated," said the speaker, "and I fully endorsed the action of the Premier when he took the stand that a commission should be appointed in the matter."

The member for Northumberland deeply regretted the Backus deal. The Government was not justified in "making a deal to give 4,000 square miles of timber land to any one syndicate in God's world." Such a deal never should have been made.

"When you have on your hands a deal like this," the speaker said, addressing the Premier, "take your time. Think it over. Trust to the common sense and manhood of the men on this side of the House and there isn't here a man who won't help you; who won't see you through every time—a thousand times—rather than see you fail." He advised the Provincial Treasurer, in the event of further bond issues, to deal direct with the people of the Province, rather than through financial middlemen. The people would give their last dollar in return for Government bonds, but they did not like to do their dealing through brokers, bankers and lawyers. The brokers' fees might be given to some charitable institution and the bonds sold direct to the people. Good roads, too, came in for generous commendation, and Hon. Mr. Biggs was advised by the speaker to "give us something by which we can get to the towns, to the villages, to the railways, to our friends and to church on Sundays—good roads."

#### Postpone Eight-hour Day.

The Premier was followed by W. A. Crockett, Labor, from South Wentworth, who dealt at length with certain aspects of the present-day economic situation. He showed that the farmer had been one of the first to suffer under post-war deflation, and referred to "retailers" and others who were "refusing to give up a part of their war profits." Regarding the eight-hour day, he thought it would be unfair to have this legislation put upon Provincial statute books; such a measure should be world-wide, or at least Dominion-wide, and for the present it was not the intention of Labor to do anything inimical to the best interests of Capital and Labor. Mr. Crockett hoped to see such legislation as would render impossible the employment by industrial concerns of private detectives in the guise of "efficiency experts." These men, he felt, were being used for purposes of blackmail, and were in a great measure the cause of industrial unrest.

## AGREE ON CONTROL OF WATER RIGHTS

### TO RATIFY DECISION OF PREMIERS DRURY, NORRIS AND MEIGHEN

Legislation concurring in the agreement arrived at in the Ottawa conference between Premiers Drury, Norris and Arthur Meighen is to be introduced at the present sitting of the Ontario Legislature.

The matters under discussion were in connection with the control of waters from Lac Seul to the Lake of the Woods watershed. All parties agreed, it is understood, to an independent control board of Federal appointment.

# CURT ANSWER ABOUT FIREARMS

## Dr. Forbes Godfrey Gets Little Satisfaction From Attorney-General

Before the orders of the day were called in the Legislature yesterday, M. M. MacBride, Independent Labor member for South Brant, inquired of Hon. Walter Rollo if he intended introducing legislation dealing with the eight-hour question. Hon. Mr. Rollo replied in the negative.

Dr. Forbes Godfrey, Conservative, West York, asked, in view of the report that the Hallam brothers had secured their revolvers from Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, if the Attorney-General had supplied all the officers of his department with revolvers. Hon. Mr. Raney said he had supplied none of the officers of his department with revolvers.

"Does the department supply them?" asked Dr. Godfrey.

Hon. Mr. Raney—If the honorable member wants to ask a question let him put it on the order paper.