

week by week, by such papers as *The Farmers' Sun*," the speaker stated. If farmers really read this paper and took it seriously, he wondered that any of them found themselves content to try to make a living on the farm.

Debt and Taxation.

The first Conservative speaker upon the Budget was Charles McCrea of Sudbury, who analyzed the increased expenditures for the past year as working out at \$100,000 per diem. The Treasurer's message, he said, was a message of debt, liability and further taxation, and it contrasted greatly with the pre-election "economy pleas" of the Farmer-candidates.

"I submit," declared the member for Sudbury, "that this will be a matter of very serious comment among the people of Ontario, although treated very lightly by my genial friend, the Provincial Treasurer, that not only did this Government exceed the full amount that it had expected to require to spend, but another eight million dollars as well."

The Minister of Agriculture, he stated, was preparing rural credits whereby farmers would borrow at lower rates than were open to urban dwellers; that grants to agriculture would be increased, and that the cattle embargo would be removed.

Piles up Big Deficit.

Mr. McCrea quoted other instances of items that were, in his opinion, wrongly charged to capital account. These totalled, he said, more than \$800,000. "In other words," he went on, "this Government has a deficit on ordinary revenue and ordinary expenditure of \$1,700,000. This House and the Province will be glad to know from the Treasury benches that the conclusions I have reached are not correct."

The speaker went on to cite the revenues derived from convictions under the O. T. A. and from racetracks. "I do not know what this Government would have done if it were not for the O. T. A. and the racetracks," he commented.

Proceeding, Mr. McCrea asked Hon. Mr. Smith what he anticipated would be the total Provincial expenditures. The Provincial Treasurer didn't know offhand and would bring down the information. Mr. McCrea anticipated an expenditure of from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in 1921, and he thought it was time the Government began to "cut its cloth according to the garment."

Regrets Warm Attacks.

R. M. Warren, North Renfrew, regretted the somewhat personal nature of certain of the attacks made upon members of the Cabinet. In a special sense, he thought, the Attorney-General had been the object of much undeserved abuse. In this respect the treatment by certain members of the Attorney-General had been uncalled for, in his opinion. Personally he had been surprised to hear from the member for Windsor (Dr. Tolmie) criticism of the Ontario Temperance Act, in view of the former calling of that member.

Mr. Tolmie—Mr. Speaker, I must protest. Not one word of criticism of the Ontario Temperance Act fell from my lips. I ask him to withdraw.

Mr. Warren explained that his remarks had to do with Mr. Tolmie's criticism of the enforcement of the O.T.A., if not of the act itself.

Continuing, he expressed the opinion that the O.T.A. should be enforced with an iron hand.

Mr. Tolmie—A just hand.

Touching upon the unemployment conditions in the cities, Mr. Warren told the House he had taken occasion to interview a number of Toronto's unemployed who were standing in line awaiting meal tickets. Not one of them, he said, showed any willingness to work on a farm.

Alarmed at Expenditures.

J. W. McLeod, Liberal member for Stormont, also expressed the conviction that the Government's actual deficit was much larger than that admitted by Hon. Peter Smith. Moreover, he thought the new taxes proposed would not cover the expenditures for the coming year, which must show a deficit greater than that just announced.

The proposed Hydro power tax, Mr. McLeod thought, was an excellent idea, and he hoped that the

Government would put it into effect, in spite of any adverse comment on the part of the urban Press.

"If the Premier will push that broadening-out idea he will be doing a great thing for both urban and rural people in this Province," declared the member for Stormont.

Henry Assails Budget.

Hon. George S. Henry, East York, vigorously assailed the Budget. He declared that money had gone to brokers and speculators that should have gone into the public Treasury. The Treasurer, he declared, had wasted money, and to no purpose, by selling at 93 bonds that now were being traded at par. The sooner the Provincial Treasurer could get his financing on a sound basis the better for the Province.

The member declared that the President of the Ontario Agricultural College "could not get out of his narrow groove; in his public addresses he must talk politics." He then quoted from an editorial in *The Globe* which criticized the appearance of President Reynolds as a speaker on political subjects on the public platform. He stated that his opinions therein expressed were his opinions.

A Spasm of Disorder.

L. W. Oke, U.F.O. member for Lambton East—Does my hon. friend object to a chair of political economy in McGill University?

Dr. Godfrey—Oh, who discovered America?

There was an uproar when Hon. Mr. Henry, Mr. Oke, the Minister of Agriculture and one or two other members attempted to speak simultaneously. Hon. Mr. Henry attempted to proceed, and was met by laughter from the other side. "Every time I get on my feet," he said, "I am met with laughter from my honorable friends. I am wondering if their hides are loosening and it is affecting them."

There was further laughter and several cross-floor exchanges, which concluded with Mr. Dewart admonishing the Minister of Public Works to rise in his seat if he had any remarks to make. Finally, Premier Drury appealed to the Chair for order. Through the brief storm Hon. Manning Doherty did not get an opportunity to answer the original question.