

RANEY AND ORPEN JOINTLY TO JUDGE "DENS OF INIQUITY"

Legislator Startles House by Inviting Both to Visit Race Tracks and Take Treasurer Along—When is Wrong Not Wrong?

NORTHERN LIBERAL SCORES MINE TAX

Pointed criticism of the Provincial Treasurer's proposed increases in the mining tax was indulged in by Malcolm Lang, Liberal member for Cochrane, at last evening's sitting of the Legislature. Speaking, he said, not only as a representative of the people, but as an experienced prospector, Mr. Lang informed Hon. Peter Smith that he doubted his ability to collect from the mines of Northern Ontario the sum of \$100,000, as named in the Budget.

"It is a most inopportune time to introduce any increase in the mining tax," he declared. "I doubt if you can collect more than \$50,000 by your proposed tax, and it will come mostly from one mine. I don't care if you take \$50,000 from the Hollinger mine. I don't care about the effect of your tax on one mine, but I do care about its effect on the whole mining industry of the North country."

Vigorous condemnation also of Government policy in connection with late developments in the Kapuskasing colony came from Mr. Lang, who heatedly criticized the methods that, he alleged, were being pursued in connection with the proposed townsite of Kapuskasing. While the Government dallied in the matter, Mr. Lang said, settlers were being forced to erect their buildings on land leased at high rates from private holders.

Legislation on Kapuskasing.

Premier Drury interrupted to announce that he hoped a bill would be brought in to-morrow, containing all legislation regarding Kapuskasing townsite.

To this Mr. Lang replied that, in his opinion, the so-called "model townsite," with the exception of one or two hundred acres, would be flooded during the period of high water on the river.

That Family Tour.

H. P. Hill, Conservative member for West Ottawa, caused the House to rock with laughter with his humorous word picture of Hon. Beniah Bowman and all his relations inspecting the resources of Northern Ontario. Truly, he said, the resources of the Province had received a most thorough and efficient inspection when the Minister of Lands and Forests and the relations set out in their private car.

He applied to Attorney-General Raney the descriptive term "political cuttlefish." He was appalled, he said, that such a righteous man as Hon. Mr. Raney, who had written for the Social Service Commission articles condemnatory of the race tracks, should sit in a Government whose Provincial Treasurer had just announced that it was subsisting, in part, on a million dollars of revenue derived from "those dens of iniquity," the race tracks.

Asks Raney and Orpen.

Attorney-General Raney was aroused by the reference, and caustically asked the speaker if he would abolish the tax on race tracks. "Not at all," replied Mr. Hill, "but Mr. Attorney-General, you know you

cannot make an iniquity not an iniquity by taking nearly a million dollars out of it."

"Does my honorable friend contend," demanded Hon. Mr. Raney, "that this Province has the right to stop racing?"

"If the Province has power to stop cows from running up and down Yonge street," replied Mr. Hill, "it has the power to stop horses running around in circles."

If the Attorney-General would attend a race track meet, suggested Mr. Hill, he would find them not the dens of vice he had described them. "Will you come, Mr. Attorney-General?" he asked, amid laughter from all sides of the House. "We will take the Provincial Treasurer along, and we will bring Abe Orpen."

J. G. Brown, U.F.O. member for North Middlesex, defended the Drury administration from criticisms as to its being a class Government that had been levelled against it. The very taunts of honorable members opposite proved in some cases, he said, that there was no foundation for the charge, and he instanced the fact that only six out of 254 bills brought forward last year related to agriculture.

It was unfair to assume, he declared, that because the farmers of the Province owned 60 per cent. of the bank deposits that they were wealthier than other classes. Business men, he pointed out, did not leave their funds in the banks. The rural problem, he believed, would only be solved by making farming operations profitable. Mr. Brown approved the report of the Hydro Committee recommending a \$2 impost per horse power on urban Hydro consumption.

Proceeding, the member for North Middlesex said he did not believe, as some members on the other side did, that the prohibition issue was responsible for the downfall of the Conservative Government. It was simply the new awakening of the people of the Province to a demand for better government and more efficient administration.

T. Marshall, Liberal, Lincoln, moved adjournment.

BILL TO APPOINT NEW POLICE CHIEF

Two New Measures Receive First Reading in Legislature

Attorney-General Raney's bill to create a Commissioner of Police in Ontario, who shall be responsible for law enforcement in the Province, was introduced into the Ontario Legislature yesterday and given first reading. The measure also provides for the appointment of county Provincial officers.

First reading was also given to his measure to legitimize children born out of wedlock, upon the marriage of their parents.

The latter legislation proposes to set up a Provincial officer who will have a status similar to that of a guardian to the illegitimate children. Upon his motion or that of a mother or relative, application may be made to the County Judge for an affiliation order. The court then must determine the man to be the father, and the father is compelled to give the child the same sort of upbringing it would have had if it had been born in wedlock.

The father can also be made responsible for the mother for a period before and after the child's birth.