

NO CONFIDENCE VOTE IS BEATEN IN LEGISLATURE

Budget Winds Up
Speeches by
the Leaders

ATTACKS ON MR. RANEY

Premier Drury Says Govern- ment Has No Apologies to Make

The Budget debate, which had dragged through several weeks of intermittent discussion, wound up in the Ontario Legislature last night with a burst of fireworks. The three Leaders, H. H. Dewart, Hon. G. H. Ferguson and Premier Drury, and Provincial Treasurer Peter Smith, followed in order in afternoon and evening sessions, and before crowded galleries delivered their orations on the subject of Provincial-finances.

The Liberal Leader, H. H. Dewart, after charging misapplication of Hydro funds, flotation of loans contrary to constitutional usage, and reckless extravagance all along the line on the part of the Government, moved a want of confidence resolution which was defeated "on division" upon the conclusion of the debate. The Liberal Leader demanded that the House in future be taken more into the confidence of the Government in the matter of Provincial finances and urged economy.

Goes After Mr. Raney.

Hon. G. H. Ferguson, as usual, spent a good portion of his debating time in twitting the Attorney-General with being in a Government which lived off the proceeds from the iniquitous race tracks, and off the proceeds from liquor sales.

Premier Drury did not go out of his way to answer the generalizations on reckless expenditures, but challenged Opposition critics to name the items of expenditure which constituted the extravagance. "I would rather have had a surplus," he confessed. "But I have no apologies to offer for the work that has been done in the past year. I think our performance has been a mighty creditable one." And he went on and detailed the big items of increased outlay.

The Motion That Lost.

Mr. Dewart's motion, seconded by Mr. Sinclair, read: "This House condemns the extravagant expenditure of the Government, involving, despite an increased revenue for ordinary receipts of \$5,173,322.58 for the past fiscal year, a deficit of \$812,848.83, and further de-

plores the imprudent borrowing of large sums at excessive prices for long terms, notably the loans of \$16,000,000 in December, 1920, and \$10,000,000 in February, 1921, without any vote of this House appropriating the same to particular works or purposes, the last loan while the House was in session, contrary to constitutional usage and the right of the people, through their representatives in the Legislative Assembly, to control and direct the expenditure of public moneys."

Extravagance Runs Riot.

Mr. Dewart declared that obviously when the Government undertook the administration of affairs it was a time for careful and sane financing, yet the Government had inaugurated a state of affairs where "extravagance had run riot, and extravagance in the different departments was unparalleled so far as I have known in my experience in the House."

Two cardinal planks there had been in the U.F.O. platform, continued Mr. Dewart—economy and the elimination of party patronage. Both of these principles, he maintained, had been violated.

The Liberal Leader made sarcastic reference to the U.F.O. declaration of intended policy of "showing" the lawyers of the Province. "You found one lawyer a necessity," he declared, "for an obvious reason. One little lawyer is bossing and dominating you all to-day, and, like a lot of sheep, you are following your bell-wether. Never was such a raft of lawyers engaged as you have had to engage, because with your class system you had not strong and competent legal brains in your combination to advise you."

Half Million to Lawyers.

Looking over the U.F.O. law list, Mr. Dewart found ten Judges and thirty lawyers had been retained in Provincial services, at a cost of from one-quarter to one-half million of dollars this year. "Good lawyers in the House on committees," he said, "are better and cheaper than lawyers on innumerable commissions." Today, he said, it was the people of the Province who were paying the piper for the U.F.O. determination to eliminate lawyers.

Proceeding, Mr. Dewart questioned the correctness of charging to capital account \$6,664,000 for highway construction. He complained that the manner of raising this amount, nearly \$5,000,000 greater than in 1919, was not shown in the accounts. Hon. Mr. Biggs' concentration of business at Hamilton and Dundas in his own riding, he declared, "amounts almost to a congestion." He read over a host of accounts from the Minister's riding for