

# HEATED OPPOSITION TO BILL PROVIDING FOR O. T. A. APPEALS

**Attorney - General's Measure is Centre of Attacks Launched By Hon. G. H. Ferguson and Mr. H. H. Dewart**

## RANEY LIKENED TO TORQUEMADA

At 1.35 this morning, the Tolmie amendment was lost on decision and Attorney-General Raney's bill was given second reading.

All the hours of committee consideration and House debate which the Ontario Legislature has spent in discussion of the O.T.A. appeals were merely preludes. The final discussion on the subject, and the one which will eventually settle the matter, commenced yesterday afternoon and continued all evening over the bill introduced by Attorney-General Raney, which provides for appeals to the County Judge on the Police Court record of evidence.

For the first time in discussion of the appeals issue the two Opposition Leaders in the House joined in vigorous protest against the proposed enactment. H. H. Dewart, Liberal Leader, after denouncing the restrictions it was proposed to place upon the right of appeal, likened the Attorney-General to the Spaniard Torquemada in his persecution of those who differed from his particular view.

Hon. G. H. Ferguson, who did not take part in last week's debate which settled one phase of the appeals controversy, jumped into the debate last night to say that the proposed right of appeal was so restricted and circumscribed as to be valueless. He would just as soon have no right of appeal as that in force in the statute books. Referring once more to the Raney-Counsell statements, the Conservative Leader satirized the Attorney-General as the little boy at school who hit the big boy and then ran home and shouted at him from out his window. Hon. Mr. Raney dared not, he said, make the same charge outside the House.

### Mr. Tolmie's Proposal.

Following up an earlier appeal of the Liberal Leader, H. H. Dewart, for consideration by the special committee of the proposed appeal enactment, J. C. Tolmie, Liberal member for Windsor, introduced at 11.45 o'clock last night a motion embodying that proposal. He was seconded by C. H. Buckland, Wellington South. The special committee formerly favored unrestricted appeal to County Judges.

Mr. Tolmie's motion read: "That in view of the consideration by a special committee of this House of the various bills in amendment of the O.T.A., be it resolved that Bill No. 207, entitled an Act to Amend the O. T. A., be not now read a second time, but referred to a standing committee of this House consisting of the members of this House who were appointed at the last session of this Legislature to inquire into the working and operation of the O. T. A. and the administration thereof"

He proposed the addition of Hon. Manning Doherty and Hon. G. H. Ferguson to the committee.

### Crown May Also Appeal.

In explaining his measure on second reading, Attorney - General