

## INQUIRY PROCEEDS TILL TRUTH IS OUT

### Premier Drury Makes This Statement on Timber Investigation

"We knew nothing about the letters," said Premier Drury in the Legislature yesterday regarding the letters said to have been written by R. T. Harding, former Government counsel in the timber inquiry, and copies of which were published in The Toronto Telegram.

Alex. Lewis, Northeast Toronto, brought up the subject at the morning session.

Mr. Lewis said that the letters were a reflection on the members of the House. The speaker said that Mr. Harding was acting for Mr. Backus and the Government at the same time. When it was brought to the attention of the Premier he said that Harding must cease being Backus' counsel, and Mr. Lewis said that the Premier was right in this.

Mr. Lewis continued: "After severing his connection with the Government and being counsel for the Government, Harding was so worried about his former employer that he urged that something must be done to silence the paper. He says in his letter he has 'discussed the matter with those you possibly can guess.'"

Mr. Lewis said that the commissioners seemed also to be implicated, and he wanted to know if the Government was going to discontinue "this farcical investigation."

"We knew nothing about the letters. There was no connection with the Government," said the Premier. "They were not written with the knowledge of the Government, and we don't care if they were written."

The Premier said that the investigation would not be discontinued until everything was done and the real facts were known.

## PROGRAM OF WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED

### Labor Deputation to Legisla- ture Suggests Means to Meet Situation

Any expenditure of the Provincial Government to relief unemployment before the Legislature meets again will be supported by all groups in the Legislature provided the expenditure is not extravagant.

This was the assurance which the Unemployment Committee of the District Trades and Labor Council received yesterday afternoon from the leaders of the Liberal, Conservative and Labor groups while at the Parliament Buildings to seek some relief for unemployment.

Members of the committee feared unemployment would continue this summer and become serious again next fall and that the Government might not be able to act until the Legislature met. The Premier referred to the possibility of being unable to handle an unemployment situation without the consent of the House.

The committee through its spokesmen, John Munro and John Doggett, offered a program of work which might be proceeded with at once and again expressed the opinion that work was preferable to relief which however, should be continued until work was offered.

The Government promised consideration of the requests made by the committee.

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## STILL IN SESSION EARLY THIS MORNING

### Premier Bound to Wind It Up, if It Takes All Night

At 2.30 o'clock this morning the Legislature was still in session, with the prospect of final adjournment at any time.

All the members had been advised that the session was to be brought to a close before rising, and were evidently prepared to accept this dictum no matter what course debate might take.

At the hour named it looked as though they would "make a night of it."