

## Charles F. Swayze of Niagara Falls Supports Premier on Hydro—R. M. Warren, U. F. O., Makes Strong Plea for Vigorous Policy to Re-forest Province—Acting Liberal Leader to Resume Debate Today

Two Government members, Chas. F. Swayze, Labor member for Niagara Falls, and R. M. Warren, U. F. O. member for North Renfrew, endorsed the attitude of the Drury Government toward Hydro and Hydro-radials in the Legislature yesterday. Each expressed the conviction that the people of the Province were behind the Premier and his policy.

F. Wellington Hay, Acting Liberal Leader, moved the adjournment, and will probably be followed today by Hon. G. H. Ferguson, the Conservative Leader.

Both speakers, in moving and seconding the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, cut their remarks unusually short, in accordance with the expressed desire of the Government to shorten the session. Mr. Swayze said that he hoped the example so set would be followed by the other members taking up the debate. Especially in their references to Hydro and Mr. Swayze's declaration of concord between the Labor and U. F. O. groups were the opening day speakers applauded from their own sections of the House.

### Labor's Ranks Closed Up.

"Although many rumors may be about in the street and many newspaper representations made, indicating that there is a cleavage," declared Mr. Swayze, "we people who form this hybrid Government are just as closely connected at the opening of this session as we were at the last session. If there were any differences they have been all smoothed out, and we are now—I am speaking of the Labor group—absolute supporters of our highly respected and honored leaders."

On Hydro matters, Mr. Swayze declared: "In regard to the Hydro

legislation, I want to say that I personally am back of the Premier in his stand in regard to the Hydro. I am absolutely in favor of public ownership, and was in favor of it long before Hydro was inaugurated. But I want public ownership conducted economically and to know what the cost is going to be."

### When the Smoke Clears Away.

The Labor member agreed that there should be some correct estimate of the ultimate cost of the development of the Chippawa Canal, a development, he said, which he had watched from its start. "I have formed my own opinion," he said, in touching upon Chippawa, "but I am not going to express it on the floor of the House today. I think, when the smoke is cleared away, that not only the supporters of the Premier will be back of him in his decision, but the general public, and the majority throughout the Province of Ontario will congratulate him on the stand he has taken."

Mr. Swayze reviewed in detail Government legislation of last session, endorsing particularly the good roads policy of the Minister of Public Highways. He believed that the Provincial Government had done everything it could be expected to do in the way of meeting the unemployment situation, in providing the machinery and the funds for relief.

### Take Over Mimico School?

In passing, Mr. Swayze made a rather broad intimation that the Mimico Industrial School would, in the near future, be taken over by the Provincial Government under one of its departments. The Labor

member stated his disapproval of the present system, and appealed very strongly to House members to support any legislation along this line which might subsequently be brought in by the Government. Hon. R. H. Grant, Minister of Education, said afterward that, although no decision had been reached, an alteration of the system of administration at Mimico was being considered.

R. M. Warren, U.F.O. member for North Renfrew, in seconding the address, said, in reference to Hydro: "I feel sure that my constituents in North Renfrew will appreciate the attitude of the Prime Minister. I do know that there is a feeling abroad among people generally today that they will endorse and back up a Government that will adopt a policy of careful husbanding of our resources."

Mr. Warren asked what the rural districts of Ontario got out of the cheap Hydro power so consistently applauded throughout the Province.

They received less than 1 per cent. of the Hydro power developed, he stated, and it was not correct to say that rural Ontario received indirect benefit from the cheap industrial power supplied urban municipalities. For instance, a farmer could buy a binder of the class made in Canada cheaper in England or Rumania than he could purchase it from a Canadian maker.

The member for North Renfrew thought that experiences in guaranteeing the bonds of Mackenzie & Mann for the C.N.R. would sufficiently advise caution in guaranteeing bonds for Hydro-radials. The Canadian people, he said, would go on smarting for some time for having guaranteed those bonds.

### Endorses Hamilton Speech.

He endorsed the statements of the Premier at Hamilton on the question of Hydro. "I am sure, for myself," he said, "that the Prime Minister expressed the sentiments of vast numbers of people throughout the Province, and I feel sure that he will receive the enthusiastic support of vast numbers of people all over this Province in the position he has taken."

In dealing with the present economic and industrial situation, Mr. Warren attributed conditions to a large extent to the unhappy position of the farmer. Although a great portion of the products of the farm had fallen to 1918 levels, he said, manufactured goods, boots and shoes, farm implements, woollen and cotton goods—things which the farmer had to buy—had not fallen in anything like equal proportion. The fountain of prosperity, agricultural industry, had been dried up.

Mr. Warren commended the Attorney-General for his activity in preparing to deal with the "profiteers" of the Province, as promised in the House two sessions ago. In the matter of high rents and necessities of life, the member for North Renfrew was sure that there existed a species of profiteering, which, he declared, must be removed.

### Urges Reforestation.

Government activity along reforestation lines he considered a vital necessity if Ontario were not to reach a stage of complete forest depletion. He instanced the systems in other countries of compulsory replacement of a cut tree with a seed or seedling, and commended such methods to the attention of the Ontario Government. It would be a happy heritage to leave to the children of the next generation, he said, a Province in an advance stage of reforestation, rather than a Province whose forest wealth had been squandered and no effort made at replacement.