

**—Hon. W. E. Raney
Gives Legislature Terms
of Settlement With Shev-
lin-Clarke Firm**

**COMPANY WILL PAY
AND END LITIGATION**

Announcement in the Legislature yesterday of the Drury Government's settlement with the Shevlin-Clarke Lumber Company did not pass without vigorous criticism from Hon. Howard Ferguson, Conservative Leader. He maintained that the Government should not have made such a settlement, and said that every reputable lawyer admitted that the judgment given by the courts could not stand in a court of appeal. The report of the Timber Commission, proceeded Mr. Ferguson, said that the Shevlin-Clarke Company, on overrun alone, owed three times what the Government had settled for. He said he had always taken the view that, if any timber operator was guilty of fraud or owed the Province one single cent, no one was more anxious to see it paid than he was.

Hides Drug on Market.

He objected to having the matter taken from the courts, said Mr. Ferguson. How often had members seen the Attorney-General shake his finger menacingly across the House to tell him (Mr. Ferguson) what was going to happen to people he had dealt with.

Here the Attorney-General was overcome by amusement and laughed heartily. "I was thinking of hides," he explained to Mr. Ferguson.

Hides were a drug on the market, said Mr. Ferguson, and some of them were of a valueless character. "But I say to my honorable friend that, if there is any way he can buckle on his own hide and retain it, he had better do it, because when the people of this Province have their say, not only will the hide of the Attorney-General be on the fence—"

"Not at Kemptville," interpolated Mr. Raney.

"—but the ashes of the Attorney-General will be thrown to the four winds," went on Mr. Ferguson. "The only good turn the Attorney-General ever did me was to come down to my riding and speak against me."

Mr. Ferguson said the recent by-election was fought on the issue of "Ferguson," and the result was that

Grenville gave twice the majority to the winner that it had ever given at any other time.

Accepts Logie Judgment.

The terms of the settlement between the Shevlin-Clarke Company and the Government, as announced by Mr. Raney, are as follows:

The company agrees to be bound by the judgment of Mr. Justice Logie, and to withdraw the appeal entered against that judgment. The company is given an extension of three years beyond the time within which, under its license, it must cut the remaining timber on berths 45 and 49. Under certain conditions this may be extended an additional two years.

The other actions of the Attorney-General against the company are to be dismissed without costs, the company paying, in full settlement of all claims by the Government against it, other than under the judgment of Mr. Justice Logie, the sum of \$250,000.

All licenses of the company are to be confirmed by legislation.

Pass Special Bill.

These terms were contained in a letter from Sir Thomas White, acting for the company, to Hon. W. E. Raney, on February 28. Mr. Raney's reply, dated March 2, accepted the offer of settlement, and the Attorney-General said yesterday that the necessary legislation would be brought before the House today.

The amount of \$170,000 for timber, at a price fixed by the court, cut last year and now owing, is to be paid within one month of the date of the passing of the bill before the House. The other sum of \$250,000 is to be paid within two months of the passing of the bill. It is further agreed that the company will not be required to cut any particular amount each year on berths 45 and 49. The company is to give a cash deposit of \$50,000 and approved bonds for \$450,000, for carrying out its part of the contract.

Anxious to Settle.

The letter from Sir Thomas White, which Mr. Raney read to the Legislature, said, among other things: "I think it proper to call your attention to the fact that the officers of the Shevlin-Clarke Co. have, to my knowledge, been desirous throughout these negotiations to pay in full any amounts properly due to the Government in respect of timber cut upon berths forming the subject of the accounting action. They greatly regret that, on account of the looseness of the system under which the record of its logging operations was kept by their company, an accounting with the Government should have become necessary. With regard to the action respecting berths 45 and 49, in which the judgment of Hon. Mr. Justice Logie was rendered, they acted in the belief that they had full right and authority to conduct cutting operations."

Only one action of the Attorney-General against the company came to trial, the action before Mr. Justice Logie. The other two actions are settled without trial. Mr. Raney said yesterday that Mr. Justice Logie's judgment, by setting a much higher figure as the fair price of timber taken from berths 45 and 49, involved sums aggregating a million and a quarter dollars.

**Am I a Member?
Asks Dr. Godfrey**

Dr. Forbes Godfrey, West York, repeated yesterday in the Legislature his question of the day before as to the Government's intentions regarding the vacancy in Southeast Toronto. The first day he asked the Premier, and received no answer. Yesterday, Mr. Drury not being present at the time, he asked the Attorney-General. The Attorney-General made no answer either.

"Apparently I am not a member of this House," said Dr. Godfrey. "I will ask again."

Mr. Raney suggested that, as the question originally had been asked of the Premier, Dr. Godfrey should ask the Premier again "tomorrow."

"I will," said Dr. Godfrey.

**Would Remove Right
To Dispense With Jury**

Leslie Oke, East Lambton, introduced a bill into the Legislature yesterday providing that in actions involving price and value of products of the farm, forest and mine, the cases shall be tried by jury unless with the consent of counsel of both parties to the action. At the present time jury trials are only obligatory in certain specified types of criminal cases. This bill will remove from the trial Judge the right to dispense with the jury, unless by the consent of all parties to the action.