

MINIATURE FLURRY LIVENS ROUTINE

Hon. Mr. Raney Dislikes Mr MacBride's Way of Questioning

"Questions and answers thereto, usually a pacific and unentertaining item of routine business in the Legislature, yesterday provide something of a flurry when Attorney-General Raney asked M. M. MacBride, Brantford, to put in the form of a motion for return his question as to the number of lawyers employed by the Government over a period of two or three years and the expense involved in that connection.

Wants to Bury It?

Mr. MacBride objected, stating he thought he was entitled to an answer in just the way that had been requested. Hon. G. H. Ferguson entered the lists, and asked the Attorney-General if the situation was that he did not desire to give an answer which would go on the Votes and Proceedings, and thereby be available to the general public. The Conservative Leader bluntly ascribed to Hon. Mr. Raney a desire to make a return that would be buried in the King's Printers and never reach anybody.

Question Is Answered.

Although the Attorney-General had stated that the information involved a lengthy process of delving through departmental documents, Hon. Mr. Ferguson was of the opinion that it was readily obtainable. Any Minister, he said, could write down all the names in five or ten minutes, after which it was only a matter of adding them up.

The matter rested when Hon. Mr. Raney moved to have the question stand.

WILL SIMPLIFY LAW ON VOTING

One Act Introduced to Con- solidate Existing Legislation

Legislation which will tend toward the simplification of the law with respect to the preparation and revision of voters' lists was introduced in the Legislature by Premier Drury yesterday. The measure, together with three others before the House, is to be dealt with by a committee.

According to the Premier's explanation, the bill is intended to set out in one act the law with respect to the preparation and revision of voters' lists as it now stands, both for municipalities and territory without municipal organization, so that when the bill is passed it may be printed in pamphlet form and distributed to the municipal officials who are concerned in the making up of the lists.

Proposed changes, said the Premier, were entirely in the interest of greater simplicity and saving of expense and trouble. For example, the sending out of quantities of voters' lists to persons who may be dead, or who have no further interest in the electoral district, has caused a great deal of expense and trouble. Persons entitled to receive copies would get them on request by paying necessary postage.

The forms, too, have been simplified. The Revising Officer is given the right to make changes in Part One.