

WEST YORK MEMBER SAYS J. M. WEBSTER SEEKS PRESCRIPTION

**Dr. Godfrey and U. F. O.
Man in Direct Denial in
House — Confidential
Records Made Public by
Hon. Mr. Raney, Doctor
Alleges**

DETECTIVES ACT MEETS OPPOSITION

After getting easily through second reading, Hon. Peter Smith's bill to amend the Private eDetectives Act struck trouble in Committee of the Whole in the Legislature yesterday. During the course of the argument Dr. Forbes Godfrey, West York, paid his respects to the Attorney-General, and also got into a brush with J. M. Webster, U.F.O. member for West Lambton.

Hints Confidence Abused.

The bill provides that detective agencies must register the names of their employees with the Provincial Treasurer's Department, and it was argued that these records, even though confidential, might be scrutinized by persons wishing to do so. "I have had a little experience along the lines of certain records, confidential and otherwise," said Dr. Godfrey. He thought they were confidential, but in the Department of the Attorney-General they were not treated as confidential.

"What were they?" asked Mr. Raney.

"They were records of prescriptions issued in the course of my practice as a physician in Ontario, and given out by you to injure me socially, professionally and politically, and for no other purpose," said Dr. Godfrey.

Not at Any "Party."

"I do not for one minute wish to express what I have in my innermost thoughts today," said Dr. Godfrey, "because this is the 17th of March, and it might possibly be implicated in certain quarters that I had been at a party, too, because there are some men mean enough to insinuate

even that sort of thing when it is not true." He was loath, he said, to support the bill in the House.

A few minutes later Mr. Webster, speaking facetiously concerning the member for West York, intimated that if he (Mr. Webster) had known what was going on he might have

availed himself of the opportunity, as the West York member seemed to have a Province-wide practice. Dr. Godfrey asked him if he meant "prescriptions."

"Sure," said Mr. Webster.

"You didn't get it," said Dr. Godfrey.

"I didn't ask," was the reply.

"You certainly did," said Dr. Godfrey.

"I beg you pardon, I never did," said Mr. Webster, warmly. "There isn't a doctor in the Province of Ontario who can make that assertion."

Business Not Suffering.

A few minutes later Dr. Godfrey gathered that Mr. Webster was intimating that the doctor's business had suffered. "The implication is that my business was disturbed because of the little interfering on the part of the Attorney-General," said the West York member. "It has had no effect on my business financially or in any other way. You stand up in your place and throw out that insinuation to me, and I am going to say to you, sir, as far as I am concerned, every word you say is not true, by implication or by statement."

Hon. Howard Ferguson led the Opposition to the bill. He maintained that, by the very nature of his business, secrecy was necessary for a detective, and the bill was making that impossible by requiring him to be registered. He wanted to know how secret service men under the Dominion Government would come under the bill.

The Attorney-General suggested an amendment to cover the objection, and after some further discussion the bill stood over.

Hon. Walter Rollo said that the bill would protect trades unions from persons sent in by employers and others to obtain the secrets of meetings and deliberations held by union men.