

## ECONOMY TALK IS GIVEN HOUSE

**Bulky Return Furnishes Text  
on "Expensive Questioning"**

### MEMBERS RESENT CHARGE

A bulky return, so heavy that two page boys could scarcely lift it to the table, was indirectly the cause of considerable discussion, some of it sarcastic, in the Legislature yesterday. This return gave information of the list of confiscations and fines, and other particulars, under the Game and Fisheries Act, for the years 1916 to 1920, inclusive.

Following the exhibition of physical prowess on the part of the pages in "tabling" the return (which was ordered last session), M. M. MacBride, South Brant, asked the Attorney-General when he (Mr. MacBride) might expect the return to his question for papers and correspondence relating to the administration of justice in Brant county and in Brantford.

Mr. Raney, in reply, suggested that members should use discretion in framing their questions, "so we would not have an exhibition of this sort, costing the Province thousands of dollars," referring to the size of the return just tabled. He said he did not know exactly just what correspondence Mr. MacBride wanted, but would try to give some statement today as to when the return could be put in.

The Premier suggested that members define their questions more carefully, but Hon. G. Howard Ferguson said that there were stenographers falling all over themselves in Government employ, and belittled the plea of expense.

G. G. Halcrow, East Hamilton, hinted that things had been said about Mr. MacBride, and that the returns asked for would give Mr. MacBride a chance to answer them. "I challenge members of the other side of the House," he said, "to ask me to make public the private conversations I had regarding my honorable friend, and I'll do it willingly, and I'll do it under oath."

Dr. Forbes Godfrey said he was rather amused by the lecture of the Premier and the Attorney-General given to the House. They were wonderfully anxious to save time and expense of the civil servants of the Province, but that anxiety did not apply to other returns made when the House was not in session, referring to the prescription records of himself.

J. C. Tolmie, Windsor, and W. E. N. Sinclair, South Ontario, said they hardly deserved the lecture of the Premier and the Attorney-General, and the Premier hastened to say that what he had observed was not meant in any way as a lecture.

### SEEKS TO ELIMINATE ELECTION "PLUMPER"

**T. Marshall's Bill Will Provide Lively Argument  
in House**

In a bill introduced into the Legislature yesterday, Thos. Marshall, Liberal member for Lincoln, aims at the elimination of the "plumper" in civic elections. While it is hardly expected the bill will get through, it should provide a lively argument. The argument against the "plumper," of course, is that it permits the supporters of one candidate, by "concentrating their votes, to elect a man who would not be successful if all electors had to cast their votes for the full number to be elected. The bill would rule out all ballots that were not fully marked.

## LONDON MEMBER HAS HIS REVENGE

**Supplies Emphatic "No"  
Which Kills Bill After  
His Own "Dies"**

Hon. Nelson Parliament, Speaker of the Legislature, put his foot down yesterday on bills introduced by members after the time limit set. H. A. Stevenson, London, was the first victim, when he introduced a bill which would confer on municipalities certain powers to regulate gasoline pumps. This was an amendment to the Municipal Act, and the Speaker said that the time had expired for its introduction, "unless with the unanimous consent of the House." When he put the question someone called out "No" and that ended it.

### Another Bill Killed.

A moment later H. P. Hill, Ottawa West, introduced a bill that also was a day late. "No" called out Dr. Stevenson, and it was ruled out. Hon. Howard Ferguson suggested that the bills be taken to the Municipal Committee and have that committee recommend that the House receive them, but Dr. Stevenson said he would not do this.

Some few days ago W. H. Casselman, Dundas, introduced a bill to amend the Rural Hydro-electric Distributing Act, and Mr. Ferguson asked what ruling the Speaker was making upon it. The Speaker held that it was out of order, that the same rule held in regard to all those bills introduced by private members concerning the expenditures of public moneys. Mr. Casselman then asked permission to make a statement, and was about to launch into it, when G. G. Halcrow said he had been ruled out of order a few days before, and he wanted to know if Mr. Casselman was in order. The Speaker told Mr. Halcrow that, as far as he (the Speaker) was concerned, one member was the same as another.

### Gets Tip From Premier.

The Speaker held that Mr. Casselman was out of order, because no business had come before the House between the time Mr. Casselman moved the adjournment of the House and the time a member prior to this had done the same thing. During the cross-fire of questions Premier Drury walked to Mr. Casselman's seat and entered into conversation with the Dundas member. Following the Speaker's ruling, Mr. Casselman said he would make a statement today, bringing the subject before the House at a time when he would be in order.

## LIBERAL LEADER OBJECTS TO QUERY

**Thinks He Can Make  
Speech Without Explaining  
to House**

E. J. Evans, South Simcoe, introduced an act into the Legislature yesterday providing that where a township wishes to put up a community hall, it may combine with an adjoining township, even if that township is in another county.

F. G. Sandy, South Victoria, introduced a bill providing that where sheep are killed by dogs, the burden of expense shall fall on the municipality.