

promised them the greatest latitude if they were vitally affected, but asked them to preserve the dignity of the House and not bring up every little thing.

To Evade Responsibility.

Mr. MacBride moved the adjournment of the House and pressed for an answer. Mr. Dewart then took up the argument. The Government, he said, was always disclaiming responsibility for anything for which it did not wish to take responsibility.

While Mr. Dewart was speaking,

the Premier, the Attorney-General and the Minister of Agriculture were whispering together. "When the conference is over I will be glad to continue," he observed. He said he proposed to find out that afternoon from the Premier, the Attorney-General, or perhaps from his smiling friend, the Minister of Agriculture, and then he added, a few moments later, that he should include also the "bulldog of the Government, the Minister of Highways," concerning what had been said by Mr. Watson.

Premier Gives Answer.

The House was entitled to know whether those who went out and spoke on political platforms represented the Government or not. "Does this statement," he asked, "represent the mind and thought of the Premier of this Province?"

"The answer is that the Government sits in its place with Labor and Farmer members behind it, equal in the councils of the Government and in the caucus of the party," said the Premier. "I do not regard one class as being more fit than another."

IMPROVED ROADS URGENTLY NEEDED

Deputation From Parry Sound District Inter- views Ministers

A deputation from the Parry Sound district, headed by Mr. J. E. Baily, Reeve of Sundridge, waited upon Hon. Beniah Bowman, Minister of Land and Forest, and Hon. F. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works and Highways, yesterday, to bring before the Ministers the value of improvements on Lake Bernard Beach at Sundridge, and the improvement of the highway from Sundridge to Magnetawan. The members of the deputation pointed out that tourist traffic, not only from Southern Ontario but from far-distant points in the United States, was coming to the lake district centering round Sundridge in large volume, and they received the assurance that everything possible would be done to render the district more accessible.

Until very recently the district around Sundridge has been inaccessible by road to motor traffic. The Trunk Highway maintained by the Lands and Forest Department from Severn, north to North Bay has not enticed much motor traffic because of its generally poor surface. The improvement of the road, however, has opened up a new lakes district which, in scenic effect, rivals the Muskoka district and facilities for catering to summer visitors are springing up in several lakeside resorts.

The citizens of the town of Sundridge, Mr. Baily said, have just completed a hotel, and its accommodation is already taxed to the limit. The main line of the G.T.R. to North Bay passes through the district and the improvement of the Trunk Road has made access to it possible without any difficulty. It is expected that this year will see a great influx of tourists into this second Muskoka.

ABOLISH OFFICE OF ONE SHERIFF

New Legislation Also Aims at Merging Registry Offices

REDUCE WOLF BOUNTY

Registry offices in Toronto and York county will be amalgamated under one head, and the offices of Sheriff for Toronto and York will be combined, by the provisions of two bills introduced yesterday into the Legislature by Hon. W. E. Raney. The bills were given first reading.

Three Registry offices, those in East and West Toronto, and that serving the East and West ridings of York, will be amalgamated. The North York office will not be included in the amalgamation, but will be under the same head, though directly in charge of a Deputy Registrar. The Registrar, Deputy Registrar and staff will be paid salaries, and provision is made for retiring allowances equaling a sum amounting to three-fifths of the annual average salary for the past five years.

Sheriff for City and County.

The Shrievalty offices of Toronto and York will be combined, the act bringing this about to be brought into force by proclamation. It is the intention of the Government to bring in this session an amendment to the Superannuation Bill, bringing Sheriffs under the act.

H. H. Dewart (Southwest Toronto) asked Mr. Raney if it was not the intent of the bill to saddle upon Toronto the expense of housing the documents from the county. "By no means," said the Attorney-General. He said financial arrangements would be a matter of adjustment between the city and the county, arrived at by arbitration.

No Other Changes Mooted.

In answer to a question by Hon. G. H. Ferguson, Mr. Raney said no other changes in Registry offices would be brought in at this session, but he expected the whole subject would be before the Legislature next session.

When Hon. Peter Smith introduced a bill amending the Wolf Bounty Act, Mr. Dewart asked him what particular wolves the farmers were being protected from this time. Mr. Smith replied, rather heatedly, that they were the same wolves as of yore. The amendment reduces the bounty paid for wolves.

EXEMPTION BILL PASSES COMMITTEE

Allowance on Assessment for Each Child Is \$200

Without any opposition, the Municipal Committee of the Ontario Legislature yesterday passed W. A. Crocketts bill which would amend present assessment legislation to give the heads of families a right to an exemption of \$200 on every dependent child under 18 years of age.

It provides that the \$200 exemption shall apply to any dependent child of any age, and also to a dependent parent.

At the present time a householder cannot claim any exemption on old people or invalid children dependent upon him.