

TUESDAY, APRIL 11,

WILL TAKE OWN TIME

Toronto Member Rebuffed by Provincial Treasurer on Questions About \$15,- 000,000 Loan and Where Money for "General Pur- poses" Is Going to Be Used

"STRIVING IN DARK?" ASKS MR. DEWART

Another sharp clash took place in the Legislature yesterday between Hon. Peter Smith, Provincial Treasurer, and H. H. Dewart, K.C., Southwest Toronto, respecting questions put by Mr. Dewart on Friday about the Provincial loan of \$15,000,000, which was advertised for the first time that day. Mr. Dewart wanted an answer to the questions he put on Friday and the upshot was that Mr. Smith told him he would answer the questions when he was prepared to answer them.

Mr. Dewart said he understood Mr. Smith had said on Friday that the questions put to the Provincial Treasurer would be answered on Monday. He wanted to know if the Provincial Treasurer was going to answer them.

Had Different Idea.

Mr. Smith retorted he did not understand that Mr. Dewart on Friday had accepted his offer to answer the questions on Monday, so he (Mr. Smith) had paid no more attention to them. However, if Mr. Dewart placed the questions on the order paper they would be answered.

The Toronto member retorted that he took exception to the attitude of the Provincial Treasurer. He had brought up a reference to the matter at the earliest possible moment he could, and he had learned from the Provincial Treasurer that about eight millions of the loan were going to general purposes.

"If there is any definite purpose the Government has in mind we should know, or we should know if the Government is striving in the dark and raising money with no