

DRURY DENIES CABINET SHIFT

Not Taking Liberals Into Government, He As- sures House

FERGUSON AFTER RETURNS

Premier Drury, speaking in the Legislature yesterday, branded as false the report in a Toronto evening paper which declared that F. Wellington Hay, Liberal Leader, and one other member of the Liberal party were going to enter the Government. He was asked about the story by Joseph McNamara, Riverdale.

"I would advise my honorable friend to read some other work of fiction," said the Premier. "I have heard nothing of it, nor have I thought anything of it."

"Will you?" asked Mr. Hay.

The Premier laughingly replied that was something he might consider in the future. Hon. Howard Ferguson observed that it would not be surprising if such a report were true.

Intends to Have Returns.

Mr. Ferguson put up a vigorous case for the production of certain returns for which he had asked last session. He served notice on the Government that he intended to have the returns, and that nothing created more delay in the House than the negligence of the Government in disobeying the orders of the House.

There was some misunderstanding about the documents required in the discussion yesterday. First it was said that one of the returns had been lost and a new one was being prepared, and then it was found that this particular return, dealing with the Hurdman scale, was not lost, but was being copied out, and would be ready in about a week. On the understanding that it was to be produced by a week from Tuesday, the debate on the subject ended.

The Premier announced that the Budget debate would continue next Tuesday, when the Attorney-General will resume his speech.

Hon. George Henry read a Press despatch quoting a man in Sault Ste. Marie who was reported as saying that a former prisoner at Burwash had told him they were "experts there at making moonshine."

Cost of Road Repairs.

After a considerable discussion, the bill of Hon. F. C. Biggs, providing, among other things, for the capitalization of motor license funds, was held over, as the time came to adjourn and the Premier wished to make his announcement regarding the Royal Commission to investigate Chippawa. There was some opposition to the bill, and several questions were put to the Minister regarding the cost of maintaining roads. Mr. Biggs said the cost of maintenance depended almost altogether on the amount of permanent top on the roads, and claimed that after two years of development the maintenance charges of the highways would not be very high. He thought a million and a half would be required each year for maintenance after the fall of 1924.