

QUERIES PROPRIETY OF FESTER'S ACTION

T. Marshall Thinks He Should Stand Aloof in Labor Disputes

In the Legislature yesterday T. Marshall, Liberal member for Lincoln, questioned the propriety of H. G. Fester, Labor representative on the Minimum Wage Board of Ontario, appearing before a body of Dominion Power and Transmission Co., Hamilton, workmen and endorsing their efforts to secure their wage demands.

Mr. Marshall thought a Government employee ought not to put himself in the position of taking active part in a labor dispute, even though, as might, he said, be the case, the men were right.

Hon. Walter Rollo, Minister of Labor, questioned whether Mr. Fester could really be termed a Government employee. On this occasion he probably was speaking in his capacity as a Trades and Labor official.

BRANDY BOUGHT AT DISPENSARY POOR QUALITY?

Dr. Forbes Godfrey Claims Manager Said Coloring Matter Crystallized

PREMIER PROMISES PROBE

Reading a letter from a Brockville medical man, with which documentary evidence was included to show that brandy sold by the Government dispensary had not been up to standard, Dr. Forbes Godfrey, Conservative member for West York, brought the matter to the attention of the Legislature yesterday.

Dr. Godfrey read the report of a Montreal analyst, stating that the brandy concerned was a very poor brandy, lacking in full body and flavor, turbid in appearance, and did not come up to the qualifications of good medical brandy.

Premier Promises Inquiry.

Premier Drury asked the West York member to send him a copy of the correspondence on the subject, and he promised to have an inquiry made. "No instructions have been issued by the Government to adulterate or to have compounded liquor," said the Premier.

Dr. Godfrey read a letter from Mr. Dingman to the Brockville doctor on the subject, in which Mr. Dingman said the record of the dispensaries was good "in view of the dangerous nature of the goods handled." Dr. Godfrey wanted to know if he meant the goods were dangerous because they were compounded, or if it was his "fantastical bigotry" because others did not believe as he did. Dr. Godfrey also read a letter from A. H. Birmingham, Manager of the Government dispensaries, sent to the Brockville man, which said that, unfortunately, some of the coloring that they had purchased from a reputable drug house had crystallized.

Hon. Howard Ferguson, Conservative Leader, said that the Backus returns tabled a few days ago were not by any means complete. Documents of importance apparently were not included in the returns tabled. Mr. Ferguson said that he purposed, before the House rose, to have these returns made available.

Wants Data on Commission.

The Conservative Leader also discussed the announcement made by the Premier of the Chippawa Commission personnel. He thought the commission and documents in connection with it should be laid upon the table. He said that the House was entitled to further information, and it should hear at length from the Premier concerning the policy of the commission, the scope of the inquiry, whether counsel were to be employed, and whether, as it had been suggested, some of the sittings were to be in camera.

The Premier said that the Government had decided not to make public the Hurdman scale in the past because it would have been inadvisable to have shown Mr. Ferguson these returns, when his purpose was to go out and in every way discredit the suit of the Province against the Shevlin-Clarke Lumber Company. The lumber company had had every means in its power to have required production of all the documents. The second Backus return, added the Premier, was ready to be tabled.

PAPERS SOUGHT BY COMMISSION

Chippawa "Probers" Make Progress at Private Sittings

WILL SIT AGAIN TODAY

The Royal Commission for investigation of the Chippawa situation is already well under way, having held its second meeting in the Parliament Buildings yesterday.

In the afternoon the commissioners conferred with Sir Adam Beck and his colleagues, asking that copies of all reports made to the Hydro Power Commission and also all reports and estimates made by them be produced. Assurance was given of hearty co-operation, and it is expected that these reports will be furnished in a week or ten days. The commission is acting without one of its members, Lloyd Harris, who is in the South, but it is expected that he will return next week, in time to take part in the investigation. The members will meet again today and will spend Friday and Saturday at the Chippawa plant, getting first-hand information. Experts in the power situation will be engaged, and one of the commission's engineers will occupy an office in the Hydro Building in order to keep in touch with any new developments and receive new reports as quickly as possible.

Lack of Blank Forms Balks Ottawa Swains

On behalf of a score of "frantic prospective brides and bridegrooms in Ottawa," H. H. Hill, Ottawa, asked in the Legislature yesterday when the Capital City might expect to be replenished with blank marriage certificates. He read from an Ottawa newspaper a report of the situation and, smilingly, went on to absolve the Drury Government from any effort to curtail the desire for marriage and giving in marriage.