

RETRACTION BY MR. DRURY

Premier Says H. H. Dewart "Has Hazy Recollection" of Thursday Night—Makes Part Withdrawal and Leaves Sting in Remark, But Complete Retraction Insisted on and Made

"WILL BE MORE FIRM," DECLARES SPEAKER

Another storm broke in the Legislature yesterday, when strong objection was taken by H. H. Dewart, Liberal member for Southwest Toronto, to a statement made by Premier Drury, that Mr. Dewart had a "hazy recollection of what took place last night" in the House. Mr. Dewart demanded a retraction. The Speaker ruled the saying unparliamentary. Mr. Drury withdrew, but said his withdrawal did not alter the facts. Hon. Howard Ferguson held that this was contempt of the House and of the Speaker. Finally the Premier made a withdrawal of the remark.

The controversy arose upon the debate over a motion of Hon. W. E. Raney, that certain insurance bills be consolidated by the law officers of the Crown into an amendment to the Ontario Insurance Act, and then be brought before the House for final reading. The bills in question had reached the third reading stage.

Dewart Makes Objection.

Mr. Dewart objected, saying that he held the individual bills should go back to committee. The Attorney-General said that had been the desire of the Government the previous night, but that Mr. Dewart had objected to it then. Mr. Dewart did not agree with this interpretation of his arguments of the evening before.