

Then the Premier rose to his feet and, speaking of Mr. Dewart's arguments of the night before, and of his arguments yesterday, declared that "for reasons perfectly apparent to the House, my honorable friend has a very hazy recollection of what took place last night."

"This sort of obstruction cannot continue," said the Premier, in evident anger. "I am merely stating the facts, and they are apparent to the House."

Meanwhile Mr. Dewart was on his feet, and was demanding a withdrawal of the statement. "No honorable member of this House has the right to suggest that I have a hazy recollection of what took place last night," he said.

"Be Careful," Says Speaker.

The Premier said he would not withdraw the remark unless the Speaker ruled to that effect. Hon. Mr. Parliament was appealed to, and said that members must be particular what they said toward other members of the House.

"My withdrawal does not alter the facts," said Mr. Drury, and then Hon. Mr. Ferguson took a hand. The remark of the Premier, he said, was contempt of the House and of the Speaker. The Premier said then that, "in accordance with your ruling," he would withdraw.

Mr. Ferguson appealed to the Chair on such a withdrawal, and the Speaker said he desired that, when he did make a ruling, members would obey the ruling. He said that in future he intended to be firm in regard to his rulings.

Mr. Drury, after saying that his remark could scarcely be unparliamentary, said that he thought perhaps he should explain to the House what had been said.

"Be a Man," Says Dewart.

Again Mr. Ferguson was on his feet, and declared that Mr. Drury's remark was an astounding position in reference to the Chair. The Premier retorted that he had a right to appeal from the ruling of the Chair. Mr. Ferguson admitted he had that right, but had not the right to discuss the ruling of the Speaker. Several times during the whole discussion Mr. Dewart called out to the Premier, "Withdraw, like a man."

Finally, the Premier withdrew his remark, and then went on to explain the reasons for Mr. Raney's motion. When he was through Mr. Dewart arose and thanked him for the explanation, saying that he now understood the situation.

NAMES COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAWS

Further Amending Legislation Introduced by Hon. H. C. Nixon

Hon. E. C. Drury named in the Legislature yesterday the special committee, heralded some weeks ago, to consider several measures affecting the election laws of the Province. The committee is to be composed of Premier Drury, Hon. W. E. Raney, Hon. Peter Smith, Messrs. Casselman, Walker, Warren, MacVicar, Crockett, Cunningham, McCrae, Nickle, Hill, Clark, Cooper (Welland), Sinclair, Marshall and Hall.

Another election bill came before the House yesterday, when Hon. H. C. Nixon introduced a measure to extend the right to vote in municipal elections. It is proposed to give the right to vote to the husband or wife of the elector rated for land, qualified, however, by the stipulation that it shall not apply to voting for money by-laws, nor for representatives to the County Councils.

When the measure was introduced Hon. G. H. Ferguson asked if the effect were not to increase the voting strength in the rural constituencies.

PENSION MOTION IN BAD TASTE?

Cannot Support McNamara's Demands on Ottawa. Says Premier

Joseph McNamara, Riverdale, who has a notice of motion on the Legislature order paper relative to pensions for returned soldiers, asked Premier Drury yesterday when his motion would come before the House. He said the Premier had intimated to him that the motion would be more acceptable in another form, but he cited the resolution passed by Sir James Whitney in 1911 opposing reciprocity as a precedent for such a motion as the one standing in his own name.

Premier Drury said that a resolution passed by the Legislature calling on the Dominion Parliament to take action on matters strictly within the sphere of Dominion jurisdiction was, at least, in very bad form. He thought it was bad practice and bad manners. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, however, upheld Mr. McNamara, and said there were precedents for such a motion. Particularly in matters dealing with soldiers, he thought, a technicality should not interfere with consideration of the motion.

Finally, the Speaker suggested that Mr. McNamara and the Premier might get together and redraft the motion. As it stands at present, the Premier said finally, the Government could not support it; with some changes to remove objections

he had already stated, the Government could support it.

H. H. Dewart arose to discuss some answers made to a question of his concerning the employment of doctors by the Workmen's Compensation Board. The Speaker held he was out of order. Mr. Dewart held that answers to questions were not orders of the day, but the Speaker held otherwise. Mr. Dewart said then that he would discuss the answer to his question on Monday.

Floods in Muskoka.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson said he had received complaints of floods in Muskoka due to too much water being held above a dam. The Minister of Public Works said his department had heard nothing about it, and that it was peculiar that complaints should go to the Grenville member before they came to the department. He promised to inquire about it.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson then brought up a motion for the production of documents in connection with the proposed establishment of a cement plant by the Government. Hon. Mr. Biggs said that he did not think it would be public policy to give out the information gathered on the subject. Mr. Ferguson said he would return to his motion another day.

Compensation Board Suspends 31 Doctors

Answering a question in the Legislature yesterday, Hon. Walter Rollo, Minister of Labor, announced that thirty-one Ontario physicians had suffered "suspension" at the hands of the Ontario Workmen's Board.

Such action became necessary from time to time, he said, when the board found certain doctors had been inefficient or neglectful in making returns, or whose accounts were questioned. The board had decided in the case of these men that no allowance would be made for payments to them by employers for services in accident cases.

Six of the doctors affected had been reinstated.