

U. OF T. CONTROL IS AUTOCRATIC, DEWART AVERS

**Tory Chief Suggests Radical
Change in Board of
Governors**

LEGISLATURE SPEEDS UP

With eyes fixed longingly on prorogation, the Legislature is speeding up, in the hope of ending the session before mid-June. Bills in second reading in the House yesterday afternoon were given fair, but comparatively brief, discussion, and, in every case, advanced over the all-important stage.

Perhaps the most important of the several minor measures dealt with was Hon. R. H. Grant's amendment to the University Act, which deals with the proposed arena, transfers certain lands west of the University of Toronto from private trust to the Board of Governors, and removes them from regulation by city by-laws and police jurisdiction.

It also ratifies an agreement made last June by which the teaching of high school teachers in the Faculty of Education was placed under the direction of the University.

H. H. Dewart, K.C., Southwest Toronto, who, during the course of his remarks, vigorously assailed the University Board of Governors as "the most irresponsible and autocratic body in the British Empire," objected strongly to exempting the University lands from the city's building by-law provisions and other civic regulation. He pointed to the bad precedent it would set in the case of colleges subsequently becoming affiliated with the University.

W. F. Nickle, K.C., supported Mr. Dewart in his argument respecting that clause, and also objected to giving the University direction over the Faculty of Education. He regarded it as a breach of the original agreement and understanding when Queen's and Toronto's faculties were amalgamated into one institution at Toronto.

Hon. G. H. Ferguson submitted for the Minister's consideration some radical changes in the constitution of the Board of Governors, suggesting that the President and Chancellor of the University, the Minister of Education and the Deputy Minister should be ex-officio members; that the graduates resident in Ontario should name six members and the student body should choose three more. The University, he thought, lacked at present a spirit of enthusiasm.

Attorney-General Raney obtained second reading for two bills dealing with remuneration for Crown Attorneys, one of which wiped out the return to the Crown of fee percentages under \$3,500, and called for the return of 50 per cent. over and above that amount; the other providing for the payment to Crown Attorneys of an allowance of fifty dollars per quarter as a general fee for advising Justices of the Peace, Police Magistrates and Provincial Police.

SAYS CABINET FLOUTS HOUSE

**J. R. Cooke Objects to Con-
ference Called on Rural
Education**

ASKS FOR GRANT TOTAL

Rising to inquire into the motive for the calling of a conference of rural representatives to discuss school matters, J. R. Cooke, North Hastings, in the Legislature yesterday, charged the Government and the Minister of Education with attempting to handle the matter of Government grants to schools by Order-in-Council, without submitting the question to the Legislature for discussion. He demanded thorough discussion, and asked for detailed information with respect to 1920 and 1921 grants.

Hon. R. H. Grant expressed every willingness to have the figures of 1920 and 1921 submitted to the House as soon as they were available to the Department. He denied that there was any intention of denying the Legislature the opportunity for discussion.

Mr. Cooke produced a copy of printed instructions to inspectors detailing changes made under the new regulations, which he interpreted to mean that the Government was dealing with the whole school situation without consulting the Legislature. He said the order would affect 80 per cent. of the schools of the Province, and demanded to know why a conference should be called to discuss educational matters when those matters were not being discussed in the House.

Although the Minister explained that the proposed conference had to do only with secondary school matters, Hon. G. H. Ferguson contended that it was a matter that should receive the consideration of the House while in session. The Minister, he thought, should have the views of the House in discussing and dealing with the matter.

The Government consented to present to the House the detailed information asked for by Mr. Cooke when it was available.