

The Government counsel and H. S. White, counsel for E. W. Backus, pressed witness closely as to whether The Telegram editor had mentioned the fact that information had already been received from Mr. Porter at the time this request was made. As far as he could recollect, said Major Lewis, no such statement had been made. The interview had been very brief.

Never Saw Them Before.

On the suggestion of Mr. McCarthy, the commissioner asked Major Lewis if he had ever seen these documents before.

Major Lewis—No.

Mr. McCarthy—That establishes my position that the telegrams were never relevant.

In the judgment of the Appellate Division the telegrams were returned to the commissioner with directions that they should be admitted as evidence only to aid the specific task of the commission. The court ruled out their admissibility as far as they threw light upon the source of the information upon which Major Lewis based his charges. But as the commissioner had not set forth his reasons in the form of a stated case and as there might be

occasion when the telegrams would be relevant as to the matters under inquiry, the court returned them with the above instructions. Chief Justice Mulock thought that the production of the telegrams and their use in evidence were within the scope of the "Public Inquiries Act."

Legislature Passes 75th Day, 11 Days More Than Record Length

MUCH YET TO BE DONE

Hopes are being expressed at Queen's Park for an ending of the Legislature session at the end of this week, with formal prorogation in the middle of next week. Legislators face the hardest week's work of the session, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions, with Public Accounts, Legal and Private Bills Committees holding their few remaining meetings concurrently with House sessions.

The fairly numerous remaining items of more than ordinarily contentious nature will compel a real effort on the part of the Government and the members, and drastic curtailment of discussion. The Radial Bill has yet to come back to committee for approval; the Lake of the Woods Control Bill is not yet through second reading; the Lennox charges will be open for discussion when the Public Accounts Committee's report is brought in, and lastly, there is some prospect of a debate on the Lewis charges when Commissioner MacIntosh sends in his report.

Already the session has exceeded all previous records by 11 days. So far this session the legislators have assembled on 75 days, as compared with 64 days last session, which created a record up to that time.

Whatever the cause, the length of sessions under the Drury Government has practically doubled in comparison with the old days, under the Hearst and Whitney regimes, one reason undoubtedly being the fact that there are three distinct groups in the House.