

Action Too Precipitate?

The opinion was expressed by W. F. Nickle that the action of the Government was somewhat too sudden. There was not sufficient material at hand proving the satisfactory working of the board to justify the extension of its powers. He suggested that a standard number of hours a week be substituted and a maximum wage be fixed therefor. "I hope to see the day," he said, "when the 48-hour week will be generally adopted."

Hon. Mr. Rollo, in explaining the purpose of the measure, stated that the Minimum Wage Board has experienced considerable difficulty in having the intended effect of its orders carried out. There was a tendency in some parts, he said, to extend the working hours when the minimum wage was raised. Outside of Quebec, he said, Ontario was the only Province that had not the power to regulate the hours of labor. Mr. Rollo pointed out the hours of work per week in the textile industry varied from 35 to 59.

No Court of Appeal.

Hon. Thomas Crawford thought there should be some provision for appeal from a decision of the board. In reply, Mr. Rollo said that up to date all the board's decisions had been unanimous. He would be willing to arrange for appeals, he said, but up to the present he knew of no tribunal which would answer the purpose.

MIMICO SCHOOL

Industrial Institution Called "a Black Spot" by Thos. Marshall, M.P.P.

SUGGESTS NEW SYSTEM

Criticizing the Mimico Boys' Industrial School as "a black spot" on educational administration, Thomas Marshall, Liberal member for Lincoln, in the Legislature yesterday, advised a complete change in the system for handling Ontario's wayward lads.

Speaking to an impromptu report of the Select Committee on Education, of which committee he is Chairman, Mr. Marshall strongly urged that the Government secure a farm for these boys and establish a clearing house which would sort them according to ages and character of misdemeanors, with a view to separating the worst offenders from the lesser delinquents and keeping by themselves the lads of tender ages.

Mr. Marshall said he could not understand how any Government could permit the present institution at Mimico to remain. The buildings at the school, he thought, were repellent in appearance and unsuitable in every respect. He condemned the present system of multiple management and advised that the Government take the school completely under its control.

For conditions found at the Month Residence School for settlers' children in Northern Ontario, the School for the Deaf at Belleville, the Consolidated School at Mallorytown, and the summer schools for teachers, Mr. Marshall had nothing but the warmest of commendation.