

issue hanging before the electors. In this last session before an election all parties are searching for a real issue, while the Government in particular will be anxious to possess some talking point which will keep the popular mind from brooding over increased expenditure and heavier taxation.

Hear Leaders Today.

There is a chance that the air will be cleared today. The party Leaders enter the debate on the Address this afternoon, Mr. Wellington Hay going first, Mr. Ferguson second, and Premier Drury following. Opposition members last night said they expected the Premier to reveal something of the Government's intentions in respect to redistribution and proportional representation.

Two Speakers Heard.

Yesterday the House heard the mover and seconder of the Address. John W. Freeborn, East Middlesex, started out by stating he might have some criticism for the Government, but one listened in vain for anything but praise, and in fifty minutes he managed to distribute his laudations over nearly every department and nearly every Minister. His conclusion was largely a plea for more business and less politics—a plea which is likely to go unheeded when it is nearly time to get out the ballot-boxes. Peter Heenan was the only other speaker. Mr. Heenan represents Kenora, and the House knew it. He devoted all his time to an exposition of the requirements of his own district, and said it was a question in his mind if the award which gave that area to Ontario, and not to Manitoba, was in the best interests of all concerned. Mr. Heenan got no nearer than that to the dangerous and controversial question of secession.

Is It a Ginger Group?

There was some curiosity yesterday about the seating arrangements, now that Col. John A. Currie, reckoned a good fighting Conservative, has joined Mr. Ferguson's following. Col. Currie sits immediately behind Mr. Dewart, so that in that section he will be in a ginger group such as he sought to form once in the Commons at Ottawa. Around him are Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dewart, Dr. Godfrey, T. H. Lennox and others whose past performances indicate that they have no particular love for Premier Drury or his Attorney-General. Col. Currie will doubtless find the company to his liking. Among the visitors yesterday was R. H. Halbert, Progressive M.P. for North Ontario, who was in consultation with groups of U.F.O. members.