

However, the Premier stated that Arthur Hawkes was not in the employ of the Government. "I do not approve of his statements, nor the manner of his evidence. The opinion of the Government in respect to him had not been asked, nor was the Government responsible for him."

Such was the mild bit of tension accorded Sir Gilbert Parker, but he may be assured that, as days go in Queen's Park, it was a fifth-rate sample. In any event, the Knighted novelist heard two speakers who are punctilious in their observance of Parliamentary rules, and he did not listen to members calling out to one another across the floor, completely disregarding Mr. Speaker.

Red Legislation.

The oddest incident of yesterday came when Hon. Thomas Crawford moved second reading to a bill to amend the Municipal Act. Premier Drury became very interested, hurriedly consulted some legal experts, rushed back to his seat, and characterized it as "red legislation." The idea that "red legislation" should emanate from a man like Hon. Thomas Crawford, who is a Conservative in thought, temper and deed, a Conservative of Conservatives, was almost astounding. However, Mr. Crawford explained that it was a city of Toronto bill, which excused him. The bill was slaughtered.