

of the Government's timber policy, but still he was not going to criticize.

His "Swan Song."

"I am tired of all this criticism. This is my swan song in the Ontario Legislature. I am out of politics. I see the Prime Minister is smiling. He'll be out of politics, too, very shortly."

After commending in general terms various Government policies, F. G. Sandy (U.F.O., South Victoria) castigated those who sought to make political capital out of criticism of the Attorney-General's enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act. Such criticism, he contended, was calculated to undermine respect for the law and to increase the difficulty of enforcing it efficiently.

"Constant criticism of the Attorney-General," he said, "tends to weaken the enforcement of the law, tends to encourage law-breakers, and tends to the withdrawal of that moral support necessary to the successful enforcement of any law."

Continuing, the speaker stressed the economic difficulties which at the present time hampered the development of agriculture. The farmer was paying too much and being paid too little. As a remedy he suggested "voluntary reduction of fees and salaries." Fees and prices, he said, "should not be kept up until farmers were forced to organize in order to force them down. We should settle the difficulty in a broader and more national spirit," he said.

A. C. Lewis (Conservative, Northeast Toronto) spoke for about an hour preceding the dinner hour. He charged the Government with extravagance, declared the Administration had entered upon the current session without adequate preparation of its business, and criticized the Government for not having committed itself to redistribution.

Champions Widows' Cause.

Mr. Lewis went on to criticize the workings of the Mothers' Allowances Act, pointing out that as at present worded the act prevented a woman with \$700 cash from becoming a beneficiary. He illustrated his case against the act with the recital of facts concerning a woman with two children who had been left \$1,000 life insurance. The only method by which she could benefit for herself and children was by spending some of her money, or, as she was advised by the Chairman of the board, to invest a portion of her money in a house.

Hon. Beniah Bowman, Minister of Lands and Forests, gave a brief survey of Northern Ontario conditions, reviewing for the members the areas of agricultural land in the North country, and speaking of progress in settlement. He upheld the contention of Northern Ontario members that prosperity in the North, to some extent at least, spelled prosperity in southern Ontario.

Touching upon the Northern Ontario roads problem, Hon. Mr. Bowman announced amid some applause that there would be an improved trunk road next year from North Bay to Pembroke. The department was also endeavoring to connect up Cochrane with Cobalt, and in a few years' time Hearst would be connected up with Cochrane. There was great demand in Northern Ontario for roads at the present time, he said, which the Government was doing its best to meet.

Air Cruising Unreliable.

Briefly, the Minister told of the progress of air and ground surveys in new districts up to James Bay and as far west as Hearst, the results of which, he said, were satisfactory. Hon. Mr. Bowman innocently convulsed the House with laughter in this connection, when, in response to R. R. Hall's question as to how one cruised a limit from the air, the Minister said, "You look down on the timber." However, Mr. Hall made his point clear, and the Minister agreed that air surveys were not dependable unless there was a ground cruise conducted at the same time.

Mr. Bowman then outlined the activities of his department in connection with the protection of forests from fire. Each year Ontario's fire rangers, he said, patrolled an area of some 100,000,000 acres. Reorganization now under way looked toward the employment of an increasingly large percentage of technically trained foresters for this work. Modern appliances were being installed wherever possible, as

exemplified by the erection of some 170 miles of telephone lines during the past year.

Would Waive Tenders.

The Minister was followed by Z. Mageau (Liberal, Sturgeon Falls), who urged upon the Government the desirability of taking steps to see that established pulp and paper companies, with large amounts of capital invested, should secure adequate reserves of timber. If necessary, he felt that the Government should waive sale by tender in order to achieve this object.

ANTI-NOSE-POKERS IS NOVEL SOCIETY PREMIER ENDORSES

Advises Two Members, Curious About His "Broadening-out" Possibilities, to Take Out Membership in Weirdly Named Organization — Casselman Again on Warpath

FEARS HIS BILL WILL BE "GASSED"

Following the precedent of the session, the Ontario Legislature devoted itself again yesterday to an hour or an hour and a half of special and unheralded furore "before the orders." As on the day previous, William H. Casselman, the stormy U.F.O. petrel from Dundas, was the member to launch the assault, and again Premier Drury was the objective.

Casselman Is Piqued.

Mr. Casselman has a bill before the House to suspend for five years the operation of the Adolescent School Attendance Act, and Premier Drury was reported in the Press as having told a deputation opposing the bill that the measure would be "sent to one of the various lethal chambers." Mr. Casselman introduced the subject by reading the newspaper headline, "To Kill Casselman Bill."

Mr. Ferguson—To kill Bill Casselman!

Mr. Casselman—It would take more than Premier Drury to do that!

Then from another journal he read the report of the Premier's statement to the deputation: "Premier Drury says Casselman Bill will die in the Legislature."

Mr. Casselman—I do not know how he knows that, but he says it.

Hon. F. C. Biggs—Why not wait and see.

Mr. Casselman (proceeding)—And here is an editorial on the subject in an evening paper, headed "Premier Drury's Courage." I'll not read that. (Conservative applause.)

"Who Executes Bills?"

"I have been a member of this House for three years," stated the Dundas member, "and until I read the articles in yesterday's paper I did not know there were lethal chambers in connection with this institution that were devised for the purpose of killing bills. I thought—innocently, perhaps—that this was a forum for the discussion of legislation on the merits of that legislation.

"I brought in a bill, and I know it has a great force of public opinion behind it, and I do not have to advise organizations to go out and create that public opinion for it. I think the Prime Minister ought to have waited and heard my argument, and not to have expressed himself as he is reported to have expressed himself.

Asks Five Questions.

"I have prepared here five questions that I propose to ask the Premier through you, Mr. Speaker. They are: (1) Does the Prime Minister not think that common, everyday decency required that before he should condemn my bill he should at least have had the grace to hear my argument? (2) Does the Prime Minister not think that an adjustment of this question could be made that would satisfy conditions in urban centres, and at the same time satisfy conditions in rural Ontario? (3) Does the Prime Minister appreciate that it was rural public opinion that brought about the condition that placed him where he is? (4) Has the Prime Minister made any effort to ascertain the quietly thought out viewpoint of rural Ontario on this question? (5) How does Premier Drury differentiate between the proposal to go out and create public opinion to stiffen the back of the Government on this question and the encouragement of a campaign of education with reference to the canalization of the St. Lawrence?"

Mr. Casselman sat down amid Conservative applause. Hon. F. C. Biggs shouted across: "You will get your reward in a minute," evidently anticipating a move that had been heralded in corridors before the House-opening—that the U.F.O. member would cross to the Independent benches.

In his reply, Premier Drury advised his follower to cultivate a little sense of humor. And one of the evening paper reports, he said, was none too correct. Furthermore, said the Premier, he was only indulging in a bad habit of prophecy when he said that the bill would be killed. Of course, he said, the fate of the bill would be decided upon in the House, "but my attitude and the

position of the Government will be in opposition."

Mr. Casselman—Therefore it will be killed.

Premier Drury—Well, I have reason for believing the House has sufficient confidence in the leadership of the Government to follow its lead in this measure.

Bill Is "Dead" Already?

Then the Premier proceeded to answer the questions, a copy of which Mr. Casselman had sent over to him. The bill spoke for itself, he said, and he could see no argument that would justify its acceptance by the House. There was no demand in rural Ontario, he believed, for the repeal of the Adolescent School Attendance Act.

Mr. Casselman—You'll find out.

The Premier said he appreciated that it was rural public opinion that placed him where he was, "and that will maintain me where I am." He said he thought he was fairly in touch with rural opinion, which Mr. Casselman declared was not an answer to question number four. It was easy, he said, to differentiate between voluntary and unrewarded effort to sway public opinion and the expenditure of public moneys for such purpose.

Lawyers and "P.R."

Then J. E. Thompson (Conservative, Northeast Toronto) had a turn before the orders. He asked if the A. W. Roebuck, K.C., who was so prominently mentioned at a Proportional Representation meeting