

take the responsibility; that he was saying he knew that the evil was there; but because it affected Ontario horse-racing to such a small extent he did not propose to deal with it, but was leaving it to the House, with the suggestion that it be struck out.

"Not True," Says Raney.

"My honorable friend knows that if he puts in the word 'entries' he kills the handbook business in Ontario," said Mr. Ferguson. "He knows that, but he has been advised, a raid has been made—"

"That is not true," interposed the Attorney-General. He had had no discussion, he said, except with Mr. Bayly, his Deputy. "Perhaps there has been a raid on the Deputy," said Mr. Ferguson. "Someone who was schooled in the methods and had knowledge of the operations drafted the bill."

"I have already said who drafted the bill," replied the Attorney-General.

"Get Burst of Courage."

Mr. Ferguson wanted to know how they omitted such an important word as the word "entries." When he got hold of a racing sheet the first thing he did was to look at the entries, he said. "If you omit the one word, that is the key of the whole situation. They could publish in your official organ, in The Star, the entries of every horse-race from Mexico to the Arctic Ocean and the handbook men could go on and flourish," he declared. He urged the Attorney-General to "have a burst of courage this afternoon; get one of those fighting moods on."

Sees Ferguson's Point.

Mr. Ferguson intimated that the Minister of Agriculture, who was sitting in his seat beside Mr. Raney, could affirm what he was saying, and that brought Mr. Doherty to his feet. Mr. Doherty said he could see the force of Mr. Ferguson's argument, but there was a danger that they were getting mixed in the object of the bill. It was not the intent of the bill to destroy horse-racing or do away with the desire of the people for information regarding the sport of horse-racing. Thousands of persons, not betting, were interested each year in the publication of the names of horses that were going to run, for instance, in the Grand National steeplechase. They were interested because they were horse people. They knew the history of these horses and liked to get information as to what these horses were doing.

Is Delusion, Says Ferguson.

Everybody thought that when this bill came down it was going to eradicate the evil, root and branch, said Mr. Ferguson, but now the Attorney-General said "No." He (the Attorney-General) had made himself open, proceeded Mr. Ferguson, to the most serious accusation of insincerity possible to make.

Vigorous exception was taken to Mr. Raney's amendments by John A. Currie, who got into several clashes with Mr. Raney. J. Walter Curry maintained that entries and results would be of little use to a man who wished to bet. So far as he could see, the bill would not be helped by having these words in, and they would hear all over the Province that the Attorney-General was not willing to let the public have even the names of the horses and the results of the races. He would be sorry to see those words added because he felt that the statute would accomplish the results sought for.

Final Objection.

A final objection was made by Mr. Ferguson in that the bill permits the sale of British newspapers containing this information but prohibits the sale of Canadian or American papers. "Surely we are no more immoral than they are in Great Britain!" he exclaimed. "Why was not permission given for the sale of newspapers from other Provinces in Canada?"

"If you do that it will destroy the bill," said the Attorney-General.

CHEESE FACTORIES GET "CHEAP MONEY"

Member Criticizes Rate of Five Per Cent. in Doherty's Bill

MANY MEASURES DEBATED

Hon. Manning Doherty's bill for the aiding of consolidation of cheese factories passed through committee of the whole in the Legislature yesterday and now stands ready for third reading. There was considerable discussion, but no radical amendments were made.

Is This Warning?

Criticisms already aimed against the bill were repeated by several speakers, and R. R. Hall (Liberal, Parry Sound) caused a flurry when he turned his attention for a moment to the Premier's speech of last Saturday. The Liberals, said Mr. Hall, had "saved his bacon" many times in the last four years, but the Premier need not think they would continue to be on the flywheel of the Government to make it turn over. He hoped he would disabuse himself of that idea, said Mr. Hall.

John Joynt, Conservative, North Huron, criticized the interest rate of 5 per cent., when in other bills it was 6 per cent. The Minister of Agriculture made the announcement that the department would not approve the site for a new factory until any privately owned factory in the district had been fairly dealt with. He did not think, however, that such stipulations should be put in the bill.

To Give Coroner Rise.

There was considerable discussion over the committee stage of the bill to amend the Coroners' Act, especially as regards the salary of the Chief Coroner of Toronto. The Attorney-General said he was prepared to increase it somewhat, but he did not know to what extent. Before he did so, he would consult with city authorities.

Second reading was given to the act to amend the Judicature Act, which provides for two permanent divisions of the Appellate Court in Toronto, five on each. Second reading was given also to Hon. Peter Smith's bill to amend the Billiard Room and Bowling Alley License Act, which makes the fiscal year as regards these institutions end on May 31.

Third readings were given to the following: An Act to Amend the Deserted Wives and Children's Maintenance Act; an Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act; an Act Respecting the Township of Scarborough; an Act Respecting the City of Ottawa; an act to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to guarantee the payment of certain debentures; an Act Respecting Registration of Guests in Standard Hotels.

The OBSERVER IN QUEEN'S PARK

At ten-thirty in the Legislature last night the long fight over redistribution was begun. Preparations had been made for an all-night session, the U.F.O. having been organized into two relays or shifts. It had been whispered about that the Conservatives were prepared to put up a prolonged debate, their main contention being directed against the application of proportional representation. It may be some days, however, before the real Conservative attitude toward all phases of redistribution is revealed.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson opened the struggle at once, pouncing upon the Premier's suggestions regarding a new representation law. Last Friday the Premier said he had a few suggestions to offer, and then he told the House of his ideas of four classes of representation: first, the Toronto metropolitan area; second, the urban centres, such as Hamilton and Ottawa; third, the rural communities in old Ontario; and fourth, New Ontario.

Suggestions Are Attacked.

Political students at the time thought the Premier had made an error in making these suggestions, and at the same time throwing the whole measure to the House. It was said that, had the Premier wanted to kill redistribution, making such suggestions at such a time was a good way to ensure the slaughter. In any event, these suggestions gave Mr. Ferguson his opportunity last night, and he immediately claimed that such a division in representation would be "vicious and erroneous." The Conservative Leader laid down his party's policy, indicating but two classes of representation, "urban and rural," a policy which differs widely from all ideas held by the U.F.O. The guiding principle for redistribution, he claimed, was "equality of population."

No Courtesy Week There.

Though this is supposed to be "Courtesy Week" in Toronto, that virtue will probably be conspicuous by its absence from Queen's Park—that is, if yesterday provides any example. The House started out with bitter words and still more bitter innuendo. Hon. Mr. Raney, instead of moving third reading for his bill regarding racing information, threw it back into committee. When the bill was last in committee some words were added prohibiting the publication of "entries, names of owners, stables or jockeys." These insertions were made at the instigation of Conservatives, who appeared at the time to be co-operating with the Government to stamp out handbook betting. As it turned out, the suggested additions were possibly more of a political game than any product of sincerity. Mr. Raney asked for the elimination of these additions, stating that the bill in its original form went far enough.

Mr. Ferguson at once said something about not being prepared to associate himself with a man who was not in earnest. The Attorney-General's course was "tortuous dodging and evasion for purely political purposes." Then he went on to say there was no more "artful dodger" than Mr. Raney, not even excepting "his nimble little friend" (Mr. Doherty). Seriously, the Conservative Leader claimed the inclusion of "entries" among prohibited information would kill handbook betting. Then he asserted somebody had made "a raid" on the Attorney-General, a statement which met with prompt denial. Col. J. A. Currie claimed Mr. Raney had been associated with Abe Or-