

## INQUIRY COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE WORK

### Dewart Enters Protest Against Continuation of Hydro Probe

#### LLOYD HARRIS MAY RUN

The Hydro-electric Inquiry Commission would not finish its work before the House rose; in fact, evidence regarding the Chippawa Canal construction would be heard at sittings commencing on May 12, was the statement of Premier Drury to the Legislature yesterday, following an inquiry by H. H. Dewart (Liberal, Southwest Toronto). The Premier said that he believed that a report in addition to those already made public, dealing with the financial relations between the commission and the Government, would not be ready before the House rose.

Mr. Dewart made vigorous protest against this state of affairs, declaring that he was absolutely opposed to any commission being allowed to run any irresponsible course after the House had risen, when it was dealing with a political question.

#### No Justification.

There was no justification, he went on, for the commission appointed by the Government continuing to exist after the Government, recognizing the political situation, had gone to the electors. Was this commission to continue to run its course when the Government itself did not propose to continue?

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Conservative Leader, took up the protest, saying that the commission had been appointed following allegations made in the House by the Minister without Portfolio (Col. Carmichael), and that its most important duty had been the investigation of the Chippawa construction. Yet it was only now arriving at this most important work. He suggested that, after all the work of investigation carried on by engineers and accountants, could it be a fact that the view reached by the commission was that never had it found a more efficient corps of engineers in any organization?

Mr. Ferguson said he had "been told" that Lloyd Harris was "flirting with the possibility of being a candidate in Brantford in the election." He did not know what truth there was in the story, but probably Hydro was to be the issue.

## SINKING FUND BILL OPPOSED BY NICKLE

### Third Reading Is Given to Eight Bills for Variety of Purposes

By a vote of 20 to 19 the bill of A. P. Mewhinney, Liberal, to permit the appointment of a "competent man" as Road Superintendent in West Bruce, failed to pass second reading yesterday in the Legislature. The bill was opposed by the Minister of Highways, Hon. F. C. Biggs. Several Liberals spoke strongly in favor of the measure.

Third reading was given to the bill to admit D. S. Denberg as a lawyer in Ontario. W. H. Price (Conservative, Parkdale) moved the six mouths' hoist, but found few supporters.

Third readings were given to two bills respecting the city of Windsor; an act to incorporate the village of Hilton Beach; an act respecting Kingston, village of Portsmouth and the Kingston, Portsmouth and Catarqui Railway, and an act to amend the Pharmacy Act.

Considerable discussion took place on the resolution of Hon. Peter Smith, Provincial Treasurer, to provide a sinking fund for bond issue where such fund was not otherwise provided. The debate turned on the financial status of the Province, and W. F. Nickle, K.C., Kingston, was vigorous in his criticism of the claim of the Government that such a sinking fund would retire the debt of the Province. It would do no more than pay a debt with a promissory note, he argued.