

# BILLS JETTISONED TO WIND UP HOUSE AND GO TO PEOPLE

**Many Important Measures  
Sacrificed to Effect Elec-  
tion in June—Blue Sky  
Law and Anti-handbook  
Bills Among Outstanding  
Items Carried During  
Protracted Session**

## SNAPPY CAMPAIGN IN NEXT SIX WEEKS

**Six of Present Members  
Will Not Come Back,  
Others May Be "Left at  
Home" — Three Party  
Leaders Are Laying  
Claim to Premiership in  
Next Legislature**

The fourth sitting of the fifteenth Legislature of Ontario concluded its business sittings at 10.18 last night. Prorogation ceremonies will take place on Tuesday next. After singing "God Save the King," and rendering three hearty cheers for Speaker Parliament, members dispersed for their various ridings, where, after a week's rest, they will plunge into an arduous six weeks' election campaign.

The House sat 70 working days this session, as compared with 81 working days last year, and had over 200 bills presented for consideration, a large percentage of which, however, were jettisoned in the last-minute rush necessary to stage the June election, which is now a certainty.

### Blue Sky and Handbook Bills.

Although it was a session of features, the Legislative accomplishments were not of momentous character. Most important, perhaps, among the scores of bills which received third reading was the Blue Sky law to set up a Commissioner of Securities, who will prohibit the sale or offering for sale of palpably fraudulent stock flotations. The racing bill, to prohibit the dissemination of racing information calculated to facilitate handbooking, was important, but it will not be required if the Senate passes a similar measure sent forward by the Canadian Parliament.

Many important measures were sacrificed to the necessity or advisability of a June election, such as the Anti-Combines Bill. This measure has received practically two years of House and committee and special experts' consideration, and was deemed to be the especial child of the Attorney-General. As the Attorney-General is understood to be retiring from Cabinet office, it is likely that no more will be heard of the measure for some years.

### A Grand Finale.

The Conservative blockade of proportional representation and single transferable vote, the scrapping of redistribution along with electoral reform, and the Hicks charges of unfaithfulness to party levelled

against Premier Drury, featured the session just closed. These three items of Legislative business will likely furnish a background for 50 per cent. of the election material with which Ontario will be deluged from now until June 18 or June 25. Not in many sessions has a party staged an open blockade, but Mr. Ferguson's strongly worded justification of it included the declaration that P.R. and S.T.V.—the object of the blockade—meant the "hamstringing of the Tory party."

With election a brief six or seven weeks away, every House member seeking re-election is precipitated with short rest into an immediate campaign. Six members at least will not seek re-election in the coming campaign, having signified their intention of retiring. They are: J. W. Curry, K.C., Liberal member for Southeast Toronto; D. Hogarth, Conservative member for Port Arthur; T. Magladery, Conservative member for Timiskaming; W. Allen, Conservative member for West Simcoe; H. Hill, Conservative member for Ottawa; K. S. Stover, Liberal member for Algoma. R. A. Fowler, Conservative member for Lennox, died recently, and a motion was passed yesterday to pay his indemnity to his widow.

On the eve of election all parties express confidence in their respective success at the polls, with the Government making the least noise. Although Cabinet Ministers have repeatedly professed to welcome the verdict of the people upon their record, the whole party seems to lack the enthusiasm and the will to win evidenced by F. Wellington Hay and his Liberal followers or of Hon. G. H. Ferguson and the Conservative group.

No Government prediction has been made as to the likely strength of its following in the new Legislature, but there have been ventures of opinion from Liberal and Conservative authorities. The "modest claim" of Conservatives best informed is 60 seats, and Liberal authority has claimed for Mr. Hay at least 55 seats in the next election. Their total estimate, of course, is four more seats than there are at present in the Legislature, and would exclude the U.F.O. and Labor members from any representation whatever; so it is a fair assumption that they are optimistic, to say the least.

## TURBULENT TILTS MARK LAST HOURS OF DRURY REGIME

**Ferguson and Raney Leap  
Into Fray Over  
Inquiry**

### PREMIER POURS OUT OIL

In one burst of speed in yesterday afternoon's session of the Legislature the House cleaned up all the remaining questions on the order paper, some of the answers being read, others tabled, and still other replies promised in the way of a return.

The order was preceded, however, by one of the warmest little passages of the session, between Hon. G. Howard Ferguson and Attorney-General W. E. Raney, who, answering a question as to how many lawyers had been employed by the Government, and what was owing, rather curtly replied that the information was obtainable in Public Accounts.

Mr. Ferguson almost lost his usual good humor in the warmth of his declaration that such an answer would not for one minute go down with him. He protested—and H. H. Dewart, K.C., joined him—that, while information covering the period prior to October 31 might be obtainable in Public Accounts, the period since then was not. Mr. Ferguson sought an undertaking that the answer would be provided after the House rose, and the Attorney-General responded: "I will give an appropriate answer."

### "You Will Give It!"

Mr. Ferguson—And you won't get away with that, either. I know what you will do. You will give the information, down to a day, much before that upon which the House rises.

Mr. Raney "sat tight," and Mr. Ferguson vigorously prosecuted his demand, exclaiming at one point that a proper answer must be forthcoming, "because," he said, "I can make you, Mr. Attorney-General."

Mr. Raney said that if the question meant what Mr. Ferguson now interpreted it to mean it was a "camouflage" question, but he saw no objection to giving the answer as he now understood the question from the Conservative Leader.

### Premier Effects Solution.

"Well," said Mr. Ferguson, "we will go a little further—"

Mr. Raney—Yes, we will just go on a little further and I will quit.

Mr. Ferguson—I want fair treatment from the Attorney-General. I had one experience, and that is what warned me. He was to bring down a return after the House rose, and he hedged and quibbled and evaded in every way—

Mr. Raney—The honorable member is stating something that is not true, and that he knows to be not true.

Premier Drury finally settled the controversy by redrafting the question on the floor of the House.