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General Electric, Dominion Radiator, and other concerns, which had passed into American hands. If any one bothered the Americans over here, he said, they simply stepped in and bought them up. Canada, in that respect, was becoming merely a distributing point.

The member for Southwest Toronto lamented the unfortunate experiences of the English investors in Canadian mining ventures, and said that there was a great deal of adverse criticism at the present time in English circles over Canadian mining.

Wants Still Stronger Beer.

Coming to the O.T.A. issue, Mr. McCausland emphatically stated that he was not satisfied with the 4.4 beer concession of the Government and intended keeping on talking as long as he was in public life in the interests of sane liquor legislation. He thought all along, he said, that there had been something wrong when the Premier had been praised by The Star and The Globe, but now he was glad to see Mr. Ferguson "was beginning to play with his own people again."

He thought the Premier had been foolish to write his pre-plebiscite letters. The net result of after-events was that no person had got what he wanted. People were sick and disgusted of the O.T.A., he declared, and he advised the Premier to draft sane liquor legislation and then go to the country on it, letting the Liberal party take the temperance platform if they saw fit.

Mageau Explains Resolution.

Zotique Mageau (Liberal, Sturgeon Falls) took occasion in his address to explain the resolution passed by the Council of Sturgeon Falls last November to the effect that the Ontario Temperance Act would not be enforced by the civic authorities. It was the last act of the old Council, he said, and did not express the views of the people of Sturgeon Falls, and the mover of the resolution received, in Mr. Mageau's own ward, only 17 out of 350 votes cast, and the new Council rescinded the motion.

Mr. Mageau criticized the calibre of the men who are enforcing the act under Provincial Police auspices. The Attorney-General challenged the correctness of Mr. Mageau's general statement about the men who enforced the act.

Extols Quebec System.

After extolling the law of Quebec respecting liquor, and claiming it was much better than the Ontario law, Mr. Mageau went on to say that the present 2 1/2 per cent. beer was not a beverage at all, but a drug. He believed that the 4.4 beer would also be a drug, though he "was afraid he would have to vote for the bill when it was introduced into the House." In other days the old-time lager beer was considered a dangerous drink, and it was only 4 per cent. beer. He announced that he was going to support Mr. Sinclair's amendment, but would oppose Mr. Raney's amendment to the amendment, and would support the bill when it came to the House.

Takes Issue With Oke.

M. A. McCallum, South Bruce, took issue with the stand of his former party colleague, L. W. Oke, U.F.O. member for Lambton, when Mr. Oke, as Mr. McCallum said, assumed himself to be "the heaven-sent representative of farming interests." He declared there was no desertion of the farmers by the Progressives.

Mr. McCallum spoke in favor of further Provincial aid to the counties for highway purposes, and regretted the decrease from 4 to 3 per cent. in interest rate at the Provincial banks.

On the O.T.A., he believed that the Premier had not lived up to his promise, and classed as "bunk" the Conservatives' statements that they were introducing 4.4 beer in the interest of the O.T.A. He was going to vote for both amendments.

E. R. Wigle, Conservative member for Centre Huron, urged the introduction of special agricultural training for farm boys and girls in the public schools beyond the first few forms. On Hydro, he believed there should be further contributions to rural Hydro needs from the city and town dwellers, whom he believed to be specially and unfairly favored.

He thought investigation ought to be made of the possibilities of development of the smaller water powers of the Province.

Coming to the Ontario Temperance Act, Mr. Wigle said that he always had objected to doctors issuing prescriptions and to the druggists handling liquor. He believed that where liquor was required a man or a woman might be his or her own medical adviser. Let the applicant for the liquor prescription make out the application himself, sign his name and make a declaration before a Justice of the Peace that he wanted it for medical purposes. Let the fee be 25 cents, and if the man really wanted the liquor for medical purposes, then let him have it at the lowest possible cost.

Home-Brew Permits.

Coming to the consideration of the consumption of beer, Mr. Wigle said that he was informed that 27,558 permits for making home-brew were issued in Ontario, and there was no limit to the strength of the beer brewed. By granting 4.4 beer it might do away with many of these men brewing beer at home. "I believe that if it does away with 50 per cent. of the home-brew the Government would be justified in the amendment which they propose," he said.

J. F. B. Belford (Conservative, East Northumberland) moved the adjournment of the debate.