

### No Sympathy for U.S.

"I do not blame the Prime Minister for what he has done and is doing," said Mr. Brackin in this regard. "I'd hate him to get the impression, though, that he is putting something over on us. There may be only a few of us here, but we weren't born yesterday."

Before moving his amendment, Mr. Brackin declared he spoke from an unbiased viewpoint, inasmuch as the termination of the present Legislature would mark his retirement from public life, and that it was not his intention to run for office again. He also scored in heated terms the action of Ottawa in putting on export laws to help the United States enforce prohibition. "Let them enforce their own laws," said Mr. Brackin with regard to the States. "If they can't do it themselves, it's their own lookout. The nerve of them, asking our aid in this matter, and repaying us by stealing our water for the Chicago Drainage Canal! How we love our dear brothers."

### Lauds Government Aims.

W. S. Haney, Conservative member for West Lambton, opened with a tribute to the memory of the late Sir Adam Beck, and expressed the sentiment that it was up to the public men who followed him to maintain the same high standards of efficiency in service that he had set.

Mr. Haney made strong protest against the continued diversion of Great Lakes water at Chicago, and congratulated the Agricultural Advisory Committee on its splendid work. He thought the Ferguson Government, too, was entitled to credit for instituting researches on behalf of the farmers after the Drury Government had "done nothing."

Referring to matters more particularly in his own riding, he was glad, he said, that the Government had seen fit to investigate betterment possibilities in the Point Edward fish hatchery, and he proceeded to congratulate the Government on fostering the pulp and paper industry of the North country. Fire protection costs had been reduced, he said, as exemplified by the reduction from \$95 to \$43.75 in the per flying hour cost of aeroplane patrol. The Sault Ste. Marie hangar, he thought, was a model of flying equipment efficiency, and it "made his blood boil" to see the questions aimed at the Minister because he happened to live at the Soo.

### Favors Two-Party System.

Continuing the debate, Alexander Lewis (Conservative, Toronto) lauded the financial administration of the Government, pointing out that since taking office it had effected a surplus of \$2,000,000 in conducting business, and had cut down the deficit inherited from the former Government by some ten million dollars. Mr. Lewis commended the institution of the audit of Government receipts stating that through this medium large sums of money outstanding had been recovered. Referring to the two-party government system, he declared that throughout the history of the Province reforms which had meant most to the country had been instituted in periods of two-party government, and when the Conservative party was in power. Commenting on the work of the Premier in the capacity of Minister of Education, Mr. Lewis commended the former's efforts to have the curriculum of the secondary schools absorb a portion of the early work of the universities. Mr. Lewis adjourned the debate at 10.35, and will resume, likely, on Thursday.

## OHIO LEGISLATURE REOPENS QUESTION

### Failure of State to Put Fishing Regulation Into Effect Disrupts Agreement

### CANADIANS PROTEST

Because of the failure of the Ohio State Legislature to concurrently put into effect international regulations previously agreed upon with respect to the use of not larger than a three-inch mesh in Lake Erie fishing, the whole issue, which the Department deemed settled, has been reopened for the Ontario Game and Fish Department to deal with.

A year ago a conference was held at the Parliament Buildings between representatives from Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania States and Ontario officials with respect to the matter. The Ontario Department was desirous of conserving the fish supplies by reducing the legal net mesh size to three inches, but realized it was a useless measure unless the American States held their fishermen to the same restriction.

### Ohio Falls Down.

It was agreed upon that a 3-inch mesh was the minimum desirable, and an interpretation was made that a 3-inch mesh was one which could be drawn over a steel rule 31-16 inches in length. The American States agreed and were to pass the act to become operative Jan. 1, 1926. Ohio, however, passed its act to become operative Jan. 1, 1927.

In consequence, Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines, was waited upon yesterday by a delegation of Lake Erie fishermen, headed by J. VanOrder, requesting that the department take into consideration this new development. Although loath to disarrange the previous settlement, which was calculated to be beneficial to fishing interests on both sides, Hon. Charles McCrea agreed that the new situation required consideration, which he promised to give it.

## OUTLINES LIABILITY FOR AUTO MISHAP

### Proposed Amendment to Act Is Introduced by Attorney-General

Radical changes respecting statutory obligations of the automobile owner in cases of accidents are embodied in an act to amend the Highways Traffic Act which Attorney-General W. F. Nickle introduced in the Legislature yesterday. Mr. Nickle took occasion to explain his measure at first reading, stating that the provisions thereof were, in his opinion, of such importance that not only the House but the Province should be given every opportunity to advance views regarding it.

The new bill has been drafted to provide, among other things, for the removal of the liability incurred now by the actual owner of a motor car which, stolen or loaned and driven by some one else, causes injuries to a passenger of the car. The act also places the onus of negligence in driving a car, when damages are claimed by the passenger, on the plaintiff instead of the owner or driver of the car.