

Consider Rural Members.

"Oh pshaw!" exclaimed Premier Ferguson at Mr. Raney's expression of opposition to too many night sessions. "It's all right for the honorable member to take the attitude he has taken. He lives in the city. But with outside members it is different. They have business interests to look after, and they must be considered. I certainly do not propose to accept the suggestion that we confine our labors to 12 hours. I carry a pretty heavy load myself, but I'm not complaining about a little hard work."

Under the overseas shipping arrangements of last fall, Hon. J. S. Martin informed Hon. Mr. Nixon, the Province shipped 7,069 barrels and 7,146 boxes of apples. Profits were made on private shipments, according to Mr. Martin, but the venture resulted in a net loss to Ontario of \$8,000.

Hon. George S. Henry told D. M. Ross (Progressive) that five road contractors had defaulted in paying their labor in 1924 and 1925. Various amounts unpaid to workmen are \$2,883, \$1,998, \$4,620 and \$1,200.

Cost of Snowfalls.

According to further figures supplied by Mr. Henry, the cost to the Province for the past fiscal year in keeping the Provincial highways clear of snow amounted to \$11,358 for equipment and \$44,268 for labor. The cost from Nov. 1, 1925, to March 1, 1926, had been \$3,200 for equipment and \$25,495 for labor. Twenty per cent. of the cost of operation was charged to the counties, he said, but there was no charge on equipment.

Replying to Mr. Carty, Premier Ferguson said the bondsmen for the Jackson-Lewis Company, which has the contract for the new Administration Building in Queen's Park, were the Guarantee Company of North America, with head office in Toronto. The amount of the bond, the Premier said, was \$719,561.

Premier Ferguson assured R. H. Kemp (Progressive) that he could find the cost of the plebiscite in the Public Accounts, and took occasion to inform M. A. McCallum (Liberal) that Hon. J. R. Cooke had received no other moneys than the sessional allowance to which the Legislature entitled him and his salary as a Hydro Commissioner.

To Consider Pensions.

M. M. MacBride, Conservative member for Brant South, elicited the information from Premier Ferguson that the Government had given some consideration to the question of old-age pensions, but that the matter was still in an immature stage.

Certain changes in liability of corporations and municipalities in the case of indigent patients are advocated by E. R. Wigle, Conservative member for Centre Huron, in a bill which he introduced yesterday to amend the Hospital and Charitable Institutions Act. No less than eight other measures were reported by the Committee of the House without amendment.

Member Requests Information On Alleged Bribing of Police

As anticipated, the Opposition has not let pass, unquestioned, the recent admissions of Attorney General Nickle, in the Legislature, that two sums of money, \$250 and \$500, had been paid to officers of the Provincial Police.

R. H. Kemp, Progressive member for Lincoln, yesterday placed the following queries on the order paper of the House: "Was an attempt made to bribe Inspector Loughheed of the Provincial Police stationed at Windsor, by giving him \$500?

Was this money handed over by Inspector Loughheed to the Attorney-General? Who was the person who paid the money to Inspector Loughheed, and what was the date of payment? Was an information laid against him, and if so, when, where, and by whom? Did he leave the country? Did he return? What has happened to the case?

Regarding the alleged \$250 bribe, Mr. Kemp asks information as to the identity of the briber; the time of the bribe; and what prosecution, if any, has been made in the case?