

Wednesday March 24th

COMMITTEES TO SIT WHILE HOUSE MEETS

Permission for Simultaneous
Sessions Occasions Raney-
Ferguson Exchange

HASTE CAUSES PROTEST

Both the Public Accounts Committee and the Special Committee on Election Law secured yesterday the authority of the House to sit concurrently with the Legislature. Permission was extended on the motions of Premier Ferguson and Attorney-General Nickle, respectively.

Asks for "Decorum."

Hon. W. E. Raney, Progressive group Leader, in reiterating protest against what he termed the "hurrying tactics" of the Government, precipitated another "tiff" between himself and Premier Ferguson. Mr. Raney said he could not recall a similar situation in his time in the House, and pointed out that it was impossible for members who were on both committees to attend their sessions and at the same time give attention to the House proper. "There should be no undue haste," said he. "The Government should proceed with diligence and decorum, and not get hysterical because a few members want to get home before Easter."

Charges Hysteria.

Retorting, Premier Ferguson told Mr. Raney he was the only hysterical member of the House; charged him with paying less attention to the general business of the Legislature than any other party or group Leader he had known; and taunted him with "going around digging out everything and smelling out every nook and corner" to satisfy his curiosity.

"That is polite," commented Mr. Raney.

In conclusion the Premier made it clear that the House would continue to sit until the business before it was completed. "But," he said, "my honorable friend is not going to be the sole judge as to how long that will be."