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Potential Wealth of Empire.

"Ontario, in its many developments," he concluded, "resembles in many respects the extension of Canada under Confederation. Our Northern Ontario Railway in its achievement and promise exemplifies for us the part the Canadian Pacific Railway played in opening up the land and mineral wealth of the Northwest. In our vast northern and western Provincial areas we possess the potential wealth of an empire. We should never lose sight of this, and we are in no danger of doing so as long as our Premier stands at the head of Government in this great Province. I remember when the Government that arose out of the Farmers' movement came in there seemed to arise some danger of Northern Ontario being underestimated, and I recall that the present Prime Minister, then in Opposition, rose in his place in this Chamber and delivered a speech that has become memorable concerning the wealth of the clay belt above the metal-producing rocks of Northern Ontario.

"Every Government of Canada since Confederation has felt at least some of the inspiration of Macdonald and Cartier. Ontario, for her part, will, I am sure, never forget the inspiration of her statesmen who, with faith and courage, have revealed a greater Ontario to the world at large.

Sinclair Moves Adjournment.

W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal Leader, moved the adjournment of the debate. He will speak on Tuesday next.

The House will sit again today for the reading of bills to facilitate the action of the legislative machinery.

HIGHWAY EXTENSION FORETOLD BY HENRY

Government Favors Linking of Galt-Hamilton and Dundas Highways

The probable action of the Government to extend the Galt-Hamilton Highway below Rockton to join the Dundas Highway at Clappison's Corners was foretold yesterday by Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Highways.

A deputation from Waterloo County, introduced by K. K. Homuth and W. G. Weichel, urged this extension. Mr. Henry stated that the suggested linking of the two highways had been under consideration and met with the favor of the Government.

SAFEGUARDING POWER ALONG ENGLISH RIVER

Premier Ferguson Gives Assurances to Deputation, From Winnipeg

Premier G. Howard Ferguson has assured the City of Winnipeg, through a deputation which recently waited upon him, that Ontario will do nothing regarding the power possibilities of the English River that might jeopardize the future power supply of the Manitoba Capital.

Headed by Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, the Winnipeg deputation, comprising Hydro officials, urged upon the Ontario Government the construction of a conservation dam on the English River with a view to safeguarding their supply of energy. Winnipeg, it was pointed out, was dependent upon 40 miles of flow of this river.

The Prime Minister gave no definite answer, but will call another conference of the officials interested, once a survey of the river's possibilities, which he has since ordered, is completed.

"Says Mr. Ferguson to Mr. Raney"

The first sessional exchange of words between those time-honored opponents in the Legislature, Premier Ferguson and Hon. W. E. Raney, came yesterday afternoon, shortly after the House had opened. And with it the members were given the information that the Government control bill will probably be brought down within two weeks' time.

Rising before the orders of the day were called, Mr. Raney pointed out that there had been a statement in the press from the Prime Minister that it would be at least a fortnight before the bill would appear. He

wondered if Mr. Ferguson had something more definite to say in the matter.

"I don't remember saying that to the press or seeing that statement," the Premier replied. "My honorable friend will appreciate that it is a bill that requires considerable thought and consideration. I am not in a position to tell my honorable friend when it will come in, but I am hopeful that it will get down earlier than that."

"At any rate," he added, after a momentary pause, "there will be ample opportunity for a full discussion, if that is what my friend is worried about."