

Friday, Feb. 11th

Martin's Neophyte Address.

Considerable interest was evoked in Mr. Martin's address, in that, like Messrs. Kidd and Poisson, he is a neophyte in the Legislature.

In his opening remarks he emphasized "though a man be a clergyman he enjoys every principle of citizenship." And with this preface to his following remarks, he swept into an attack on Hon. W. E. Raney for his words about Canon Cody. He reiterated Premier Ferguson's words "vilification and slander," and added "mud-slinging."

"Why should Mr. Raney be so bitter toward Canon Cody?" he asked. Surely he would not maintain that Dr. Cody did not have the right to hold opinions and to express them. Canon Cody, he declared, would still stand high in the memory of the people of the Province long after Mr. Raney was forgotten.

Praises Government.

Continuing, Mr. Martin fell in line with the other Conservatives who had spoken in paying tribute to the Government. One by one he singled out the Cabinet Ministers to praise them for their public service. Then he combined them all for further congratulations.

Then, having praised his fellows, Mr. Martin turned to criticizing his opponents. Mr. Lethbridge, said he, in his address just completed "did his best, but it was a very lame best."

Mr. Belanger had claimed that Government control had been snatched from the Liberal benches.

"During the campaign days," said Mr. Martin, "there was a suspicion that something had been put over on the Leader of the Liberal party—that the Prime Minister had beaten him to the Government-control policy. And now we know it."

Refers to The Globe's Comment.

Mr. Martin continued to refer to press comments on Mr. Ferguson's choice of Liquor Commissioners. The Globe, said he, had termed it "a wise choice, and one consistent with his promises." "At last," he went on, "the consistency of the Prime Minister has been established—his enemies being judges."

K. K. Homuth (Independent Labor, Waterloo South) then moved the adjournment of the debate. Mr. Ferguson moved the adjournment of the House and the members rose at 5.55 p.m.

Compulsory Weed-Cutting.

Two Government bills — both in the nature of consolidation of the present acts—were given first reading by the House. Hon. Dr. Forbes Godfrey introduced a measure respecting the Department of Labor, and Hon. John S. Martin brought down a bill that aims at compulsory weed-cutting on all Ontario farms.

"Froth-Blowers" in London Appear to Be Merry Lot

According to J. G. Lethbridge, Progressive member for West Middlesex, the City of London has an Ancient Order of Froth-Blowers. He told the Ontario Legislature about it yesterday, and at once became entangled with Premier Ferguson.

Mr. Lethbridge pointed out that the "order" had been one of the outgrowths of the defeat of the O.T.A.

"Froth-blowers!" he emphasized for his audience's ears.

"I think from the nature of my honorable friend's speech," said Mr. Ferguson, who had been listening disinterestedly for a good half-hour, "that he would be quite eligible for membership in that society."

Mr. Lethbridge hesitated, while

Conservative benches were banged, then proceeded. "These fellows have a song. It goes like this:

"The more we are together,
Together, together,
The merrier we will be—"

"Sing it!" prompted the Prime Minister.

"For your friends are my friends," chanted Mr. Lethbridge.

"Are they?" and "I don't know about that," came from Government supporters.

"And the more we are together, together—" persisted the Middlesex man.

"The merrier we'll be," sang the Conservatives.

That ended Mr. Lethbridge on that score, and he left the froth-blowers to themselves.