

Both Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Martin told Mr. Nixon that reports of the Minister of Agriculture's speech about exporting farm products had been "quite erroneous." The Government had promised co-operation, had offered material aid in the way of furnishing cold-storage facilities, but nothing so "impossible" as what had been reported, they said.

Control Proposals.

"Now," said Mr. Nixon, "consider the feature of the Budget, the Government-control proposal. Of course the Provincial Treasurer was denied the privilege of being the first one to present other features of the Budget to the people. The Prime Minister made announcement of features of the Budget in pre-election speeches. But we have, in the Budget, announcement that the Government estimates that in the first half-year it will receive \$3,500,000 from Government control. And when the Provincial Treasurer is asked how he arrives at that estimate he says he asked the Attorney-General."

What would Federal authorities think of the Government's announcement that it expected \$7,000,000 a year profit from Government control? Would they, considering that tremendous profit, be likely to grant the Province's request for a cut in excise duty? Mr. Nixon thought not.

"Is the honorable member opposed to a reduction in excise duty?" queried Mr. Ferguson.

"Yes," replied Mr. Nixon frankly. "I think, if that reduction is to be asked for, the Federal Parliament should have been approached when liquor was being sold for medicinal purposes. When we openly admit sale on a beverage basis it is with a poor face indeed that we ask them now."

"Did the Government of which you were a member ask for a reduction when you sold liquor for medicinal purposes?" retorted Col. Price.

"No," replied Mr. Nixon, "and that's all the more reason why we shouldn't ask now."

Hon. James Lyons (Conservative, Sault Ste. Marie) contradicted statements that the Budget address of the Provincial Treasurer contained "evasions," and claimed that the Opposition, regardless of what criticism it had to offer, could not point its finger to a single cent of dishonest expenditure.

Calls It Sunshine Budget.

"This Budget," he said, "means something in the life of every man, woman and child of the Province. It should be called the 'Ferguson Sunshine Budget'."

"How about the moonshine?" asked an Opposition back-bencher.

"This Budget," continued Mr. Lyons, "stamps the Prime Minister as one of the greatest politicians—"

"Hear, hear," cried the Opposition, with Hon. W. E. Raney, Progressive, leading the desk-banging.

"—and the greatest statesman and business man Ontario has ever known," finished Mr. Lyons.

Mr. Lyons referred to the speech of Mr. Miller, stating that he had watched the Haldimand member try in every way to get a foundation on which to place his feet so as to get at the Government's financial record. "But," said he, "he showed nothing to justify his endeavors."

Recalls "Minnie M." Episode.

Continuing, he rapped what he termed the "high-sounding note" of Liberalism in Mr. Miller's remarks, and dragged in the story of the "Minnie M."—a 1903 anecdote—to show, as he maintained, that the Liberal party in the days of old had not been what was claimed for it, but had been a group determined to govern without any consideration for the people, and had so mixed in political manipulations that the present Liberal party in Ontario was now sitting in "the feeble shades of Opposition" and bearing the brunt of the "old boys' " misconduct.

Dealing with more recent years, Mr. Lyons said that if the Liberal party of 1919-23 had lived up to its "high-sounding" principles and had associated the high ideals it claims to represent at the present time with the Conservative party and its endeavors, the Drury Government would never have been able to carry on, and many of its "nefarious transactions" would have been averted.

The hour being 6 o'clock, Mr. Lyons moved the adjournment of the debate. He will continue on Tuesday next.

Government Plans New Highway To Cut Province West to East

With Sarnia-Brantford-Brampton-Brooklin Section Completed, Road Will Be Extended East to Either Carleton Place or Perth, Forming Route Parallel to Windsor-Montreal Highway

MANY DEPUTATIONS BESIEGE DEPARTMENT

It was learned yesterday that the Ontario Government has in view the designation, at an early date, of another west-to-east Provincial highway, which will parallel as closely as possible the present No. 2, Windsor-Montreal Highway, and which will have Sarnia as its western terminus, and either Carleton Place or Perth as its terminus in the east.

Starting at Sarnia, this road will route via London, Kitchener, Stratford and Guelph, to Brantford, thence through Brampton, on to Yonge Street, and across to Brooklin. The Sarnia-Brantford stretch of the proposed highway is very nearly finished now.

Question of Extension.

This year the Brampton-Brooklin stretch will be taken into the system. Then, as Government officials point out, it will just be a question of extending the route east to either of the two terminals the Government has in mind at the present time.

With the Ontario Good Roads Association in convention here now, the Department of Highways is finding itself besieged daily with deputations.

A Hastings County deputation yesterday asked for a Provincial road between Peterboro', Marmora and Belleville. Dufferin County delegates asked for a Provincial highway to be routed by Harriston, Mount Forest, Shelburne, Alliston, Cookstown, Fennells and Gilford.

Other Requests.

An Essex deputation asked that the Tilbury-Belle River-Windsor stretch of road be taken into the Provincial system, and delegates from Victoria County pressed for a Provincial road from Lindsay to Fenelon Falls.