

LIQUOR-CONTROL BILL MAY BE INTRODUCED LATE TUESDAY NIGHT

Some Conservatives Predict
Announcement as Climax to
Premier's Debate Speech

SINCLAIR PROBE UNCALLED

Conservative members of the Ontario Legislature expect that Premier Ferguson will bring his Liquor Control Bill down to the House next Wednesday.

They have no intimation from the Ministry on which to base their expectation, they say, but are confident, nevertheless, that, with the wind-up of the Budget debate on Tuesday night, the Prime Minister will seek the earliest opportunity of exhibiting the long-looked-for legislation.

Another "Surprise."

Some, however, look for the bill on Tuesday night, as a climax to the Prime Minister's contribution to the debate. It will be recalled that he capped his speech in the debate on the Address with the announcement of his Control Commission, and that at that time he predicted that the announcement of the bill itself would prove as great a "surprise" as the Commission's personnel. The Premier's "surprise" in this case may be a late introduction of the measure Tuesday.

Contrary to anticipation, there was no calling of the Public Accounts Committee yesterday, and Liberal Leader Sinclair's notice of resolution for a "Friday" assembling of the committee remains unvoted upon.

Mr. Sinclair is still keeping under cover the "ammunition" he will direct against Government records, and for the greater part of yesterday's sitting was observed engaged in exploring public accounts for fresh lines of attack.

TOWNSHIP ACCOUNTS ARE \$40,000 SHORT

But No Criminal Proceedings
Have So Far Been
Taken

Reference to a shortage of \$40,000 in the accounts of the Township of Gloucester was made in the Legislature yesterday afternoon, when the Government dealt with Opposition questions.

A. Belanger (Liberal, Russell) wanted to know what shortage the audit of the township accounts had revealed, and what, if any, criminal proceedings were being considered. He was informed that in the case of 1925 the shortage had been \$43,467. No criminal proceedings had been instituted. The Attorney-General had referred the township solicitor to the local Crown Attorney in the matter of deciding on what action should be taken.

J. W. Widdifield (Progressive, North Ontario) asked: "Is there a Patronage Committee which advises, or assumes to advise, the Government, in the matter of appointments to the Civil Service in Toronto?" "The Government," replied Premier Ferguson, "has no knowledge of such a committee."

William Newman (Liberal, North Victoria) was informed that in handling the 1925 apple crop the Province had lost \$9,000.

C. A. Robertson (Liberal, North Huron) was told that items of \$1,990 paid to the King Edward Hotel and \$1,375, payment for an orchestra, which appeared in the Public Accounts, were in connection with the Province advertising via radio an appeal to summer tourists two years ago.

M. A. McCallum (Progressive, South Bruce) was informed that the Provincial Savings Offices as a whole were operating at a profit, but as a matter of policy he was refused the information as to what branches were not self-sustaining. A further query by this member brought the information that the recent redecoration of Government House cost \$4,132.

Keen Military Man Paid Nice Compliment

Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Highways, used the Legislature yesterday as a background for a neat compliment he paid to T. L. Kennedy, Conservative member for Peel, on the latter's promotion from Colonel to Brigadier-General, as recently gazetted.

"We know," said Mr. Henry, "of this honorable member's enthusiasm as a public citizen, and we are glad to find that he has never lost interest in the militia of Canada. We are glad that he still finds time to continue in the service and to receive the 'step-up' in rank of which he is deserving."