

The Progressive Leader deplored the absence from the new act of "anything like effective control by the people of the ridings." "The only local option," he said, "which will be worth anything under this bill will be county local option—and there isn't a word about it in the bill."

#### Board and Advertising.

The permission given the board to regulate advertising by breweries, distilleries and "stores" "stamped" the character of the bill, Mr. Raney submitted, probably more than anything else. "Permission to advertise can have only one object," he said. "To enable the beer and wine and whiskey makers to commend their wares to the people, and so to promote sales and assist in the cultivation of the drink habit."

Another "vicious detail" of the bill, said Mr. Raney, was the encouragement of drinking in guest-rooms in hotels and in tents.

"Any hotel room," he said, "may be a guest-room under the definition of residence contained in the bill, and drinking parties in guest-rooms and tents may get as drunk as they please and they will be free from interference by the law so long as there is no breach of the peace. In the old days barrooms were rendezvous of rowdyism. Under this license law guest-rooms and tents will become rendezvous of debauchery."

#### Financial Objective.

Dominating the entire measure, he contended, was the financial objective set by the Government. The board expected to sell enough whiskey to make a profit for the Government of \$7,000,000 a year; and, to popularize it, beer was to be sold at actual cost.

"The essential vice of the bill," said Mr. Raney, in conclusion, "is the breach of the promise of the Prime Minister to give the people of Ontario a true temperance law that would be for the protection of the youth of the Province, who were, he said, the especial objects of his care in his character of Minister of Education. Stated positively, its essential vice is the encouragement the act will give to the drink habit, and the intimate association it will create between the Government and the great financial corporations that are interested in the drink traffic.

"You are now confronted," he said to the House, "with a bill which, beyond question, will encourage and promote drunkenness. The responsibility is yours."

#### Premier Hits Back at Raney.

When Mr. Homuth moved adjournment of the debate, Mr. Ferguson rose to tell him he should be prepared to speak Wednesday as the discussion would go on continuously, and that there would be ample opportunity for members to express their views. But, said he, referring to Mr. Raney, "without seeming to be critical of my honorable friend, I want to say that members can't make pre-election speeches such as my honorable friend made."

"The Prime Minister said something the other day," retorted Mr. Raney, "about thrashing old straw. But I want to tell him that this section of the House will talk about anything we please."

"You can't talk about anything you please," said Mr. Ferguson. "You're confined to the bill."

"We'll talk about anything we like within the bill," retorted Mr. Raney.

Then the Speaker concluded the matter. He had intended, said he, even before Mr. Ferguson spoke, ruling on the situation. "No such latitude will be given in the balance of this debate as has been given here today," said he. "I will hold all members on all sides strictly to the question under discussion."

## DEPARTMENTAL VOTES TOTAL LARGE AMOUNT

### Supplementary Estimates of \$2,295,774 Are Tabled in Legislature

Further supplementary estimates to the amount of \$2,295,774 were tabled in the Legislature yesterday afternoon.

Departmental votes are as follows: Education Department, \$1,726,876; Lands and Forests Department, \$280,300; Mines Department, \$5,000; Game and Fisheries Department, \$400; Public Works Department, \$230,198.88; Highways Department, \$7,800; Health Department, \$5,000; Provincial Treasurer's Department, \$3,500; Provincial Secretary's Department, \$28,528.50; Agriculture Department, \$8,171.50. Total, \$2,295,774.88.

In the Department of Education estimates include \$100,000 for additional grants to high schools and collegiates; \$1,059,026 as a "special grant" to the University of Toronto and \$250,000 to Western University. A vote of \$250,000 is included for further fire-ranging experiment. Department of Public Works includes \$100,000 for municipal bridge building. Public Works vote also includes \$40,000 for an addition to the nurses' home at the Whitby Hospital. Department of Health includes a vote of \$5,000 for special investigation in connection with silicosis in the mines of Ontario.

In the Department of Agriculture estimates of \$8,171 include a \$5,000 expenditure in connection with the World's Poultry Congress.