

Tuesday, March 29th

ATTITUDE OF RANEY TO DECIDE PROGRESS OF LIQUOR BILL TODAY

Progressive Leader May
Move Amendment and
Speak to It at Length

THIRD READING LIKELY

In all probability the Ontario Liquor Control Bill will be given third reading in the Legislature today.

The speed with which this further step in the bill's enactment will be executed depends entirely on the attitude of Hon. W. E. Raney, Progressive Leader. Mr. Raney may or may not move an amendment to the bill at this stage of proceedings, but the Government forces, it is said, are banking that he will, and are preparing themselves accordingly. No division of the House today will catch the Government napping, for its supporters have been warned to "stand by" both afternoon and evening.

Members of the Progressive group disclaim any knowledge of Mr. Raney's intentions, but it became whispered about Queen's Park yesterday that an amendment is forthcoming from him, and that he is ready to speak to it at indefinite length. If that be the case, the House is due for probably the latest sitting of the present session.

The first part of today's proceedings will see Liberal Leader Sinclair speaking to the proposed second reading of Premier Ferguson's Township School Boards Bill. After that will come a review of the Hydro-Electric power situation in the Province, with Hon. J. R. Cooke, member of the Hydro Commission, and the Prime Minister doing the talking.

The debate in this connection is apt to be prolonged, so it is likely that the liquor-control measure will not appear for third reading—if it does appear, and Mr. Ferguson may alter his plans at the last moment—until well after the 6 o'clock recess.