

WHEN LEADER ANSWERS LEADER COMPLIMENT MAY BE IMPLIED

Premier Ferguson Admits Liberal Chieftain Is Capable of Good Effort "if Directed Along Right Lines"

"of arguing my law with the Attorney-General. But I have no misgiving of arguing my law with the Premier. How could I charge an offense unless I know the offender? I don't know to this day who the offender was"

Mr. Ferguson—Did my honorable friend get an affidavit from the man who found the ballots.

Mr. Sinclair—No. The offense was not finding the ballots.

Since he had received the ballots, he continued, it had been said that instead of just nineteen, there were "several times nineteen" "lying around."

Colonel Price—Were the ballots marked?

Find All About It Later.

Mr. Sinclair—You'll find out all that in the morning.

The Liberal Leader went on to defend his actions since receiving the ballots. "And now," he added, "I get a pretty spanking from the Premier."

"Order, order," laughed Government members.

"Anything goes here," retorted Mr. Sinclair. "The Premier seems to think I'll not be at the committee. I'll be there, and I hope to sit in when the ballot boxes are inspected."

Probably, he went on, there was in the minds of some members the thought that he might be banished from the committee, or locked up in jail or in the tower. "But," he declared, "the Premier need not expect that I'll run away. I'm going to see this through."

Expects Good Meals.

"Now I get a rapping over my attitude," he continued. "I may be carried away in the black Maria," he smiled. "At any rate, I'll get my meals from the best sort of place I can."

Mr. Ferguson stated that he understood from a report of the committee meeting that Mr. Sinclair did not intend to give evidence. Was that correct? he asked.

"Yes," retorted the Liberal Leader, "I don't intend the Privileges and Elections Committee to make a monkey out of me."

"You'd rather make a monkey out of the committee," said the Premier, sotto voice.

Then the House in Committee passed the bill clause by clause. It was reported, given third reading.

Mr. Ferguson announced that the lieutenant-Governor was expected at 4.30 p.m.

And then other business was called and the House was calm and peaceful once again.

The Hawkers, Peddlers and Transient Traders' Bill was given second reading in the Legislature yesterday without a volley of discussion being fired. Premier Ferguson pointed out that there would be ample opportunity for the thrashing out of the pros and cons in committee, and the measure was peacefully advanced one more stage.

Second reading was also given to a proposed amendment to the Local Improvement Act, and to the measure respecting Lac Seul storage. When this latter came up Hon. William Finlayson, speaking at length, explained that the bill was providing the necessary legislation involved in developments on the English River. He described the project in detail. The scheme, made public following a conference some weeks ago, is a joint affair between the Federal, Ontario and Manitoba Governments.

The Sinclair-Ferguson embroglio

was recalled during the discussion of the suggested amendment to the Local Improvement Act. Mr. Sinclair, discussing the measure, wondered if the Premier would grant that he was capable of some good effort. "If directed along the right lines," retorted Mr. Ferguson.

A score of private bills were introduced yesterday. A measure respecting the General Synod of the Church of England was introduced to provide the legislation necessary for the consolidation of funds decided on by the Synod.

Aurelien Belanger (Liberal, Russell) yesterday brought in his bill to amend the Theatres and Cinematographs Act, a measure he had forecast in his address in the House last week. The bill proposes the appointment to the Board of Censors of some one to classify films with a regard to their being shown to children. It also proposes additional matrons at theatres during the attendance of juveniles.

"BEER INSPECTOR" IS COVETED OFFICE UNDER LIQUOR LAW

Legislature Has Merry Moment Over Appointments in Lennox-Frontenac

PRICE DENIES RUMORS

Liberal Leader Sinclair provided the Legislature with a little laughter yesterday afternoon when he read from The Frontenac Express of Feb. 14 the story of how the employees of the Government liquor store in that town were selected by the Conservative Association Executive of Lennox-Frontenac, and when he drew, in reply to the newspaper article, the assurance from Attorney-General Price that he had neither authorized the meeting nor been responsible for its "leaving out" of representation the Frontenac end of the riding.

"In the final analysis," said Col. Price, "the Liquor Control Board has the appointment of all these officials." Until the Liberal Leader mentioned the matter, he had never heard of it.

Mr. Sinclair ventured the opinion that, in view of the fact that C. W. Hambly, a former supporter of the Government, had taken a prominent part in the meeting, the interests of Conservative party workers had been well taken care of.

Conservatives Not Handicapped.

"I've no doubt," said Col. Price, "that when all applications for positions come into the board—and I presume there are Liberal applications as well as Conservative—they are given due consideration by the board. You don't expect a good man to be turned down because he is a Conservative, do you?"

"Oh, no-o-o!" chipped Aurelien Belanger, Liberal member for Russell.

Opposition and Government members alike appeared to get considerable "kick" out of the Napanee paper's chronicle of the meeting, and when "beer inspector" was mentioned by Mr. Sinclair, a deep-throated "There's a real job for you" floated up from one corner of the Chamber.

The newspaper story, as quoted by Mr. Sinclair, in part, follows:

How the Story Runs.

"On a question by Mr. Dorland as to why the Frontenac end of the riding was not represented, Mr. Hambly rose and stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of selecting employees for the Government liquor store in Napanee, and that the Hon. W. H. Price, Attorney General, authorized the meeting to be called, and the Frontenac end left out of it.

"A lengthy list of applicants was then read. Mr. Dorland asked that the qualifications of the applicants be discussed, but it was not thought necessary by the rest present. Ballots were then passed and all applicants voted upon for the position of Manager. Albert Reid had a clear majority over all and was declared elected, and the election made unanimous. Harry Rooney was elected second man in a like manner, and Walter Higgs third man.

Elected Beer Inspector.

"C. W. Hambly then read the applications for position of beer inspector. These were only two in number, Fred Edgar and George Walters. Ballots were then passed, and Mr. Walters, having all the votes but one (laughter from the House), was then declared elected.

"Quite a few returned soldiers with splendid records had made application for a position, but they did not receive any votes whatsoever."

DIPHTHERIA TOXOID ISSUED LAST YEAR TO HOST OF PEOPLE

Minister of Health Gives Interesting Figures on Distribution of Serums

Hon. Dr. Forbes Godfrey, Minister of Health, announced yesterday that his department last year issued diphtheria toxoid to 133,847 persons in Ontario; the Dick serum for scarlet fever to 15,905 people, and "S. P." vaccine for smallpox to 278,840 persons.

It was the biggest year in the department's history as far as issuing of diphtheria toxoid and smallpox vaccine was concerned. It also marked the inauguration as a "standard practice" of the issuing of the scarlet fever serum. This serum was introduced the previous year, but only 1,000 or 2,000 people at the most were able to avail themselves of it.