

Wednesday, Feb 22nd

"Abuses" Aggravated.

Mr. Gardiner charged that the much-talked-of "abuses" under the O.T.A. were still with the Province—only in aggravated form. He said that the people realized it, and that the Government should see that its "teeth are sharpened, so as to provide better administration and enforcement. For," said he, "if you don't change this Liquor Control Act before the next election, the people will change it for you. And a good many of you over there may lose your seats in the change, too."

Speaking on other matters, the East Kent member thought that the Government should do something to stop commercial truck hauling on the highways, and the driving of "new" cars from the factory on the Sabbath Day. It wasn't "right," he contended, and should be stopped.

Leopold Macaulay (Conservative, South York) directed the attention of the members to a traffic problem. He thought that there should be some assurance for victims of traffic accidents that they would receive financial aid. There should be, he declared, some move to make the persons driving motor cars provide security, so that in cases of negligence the victims would be looked after. He referred to the compulsory insurance law in Massachusetts.

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But he thought that the system adopted in New Hampshire might work out to better advantage in Ontario. This provided that the negligent motorist provide monetary aid for the victim or lose his driving license. Mr. Macaulay, emphasizing that he was not trying to foist anything on to the House, suggested that the authorities might make a survey of the situation in the Province.

In conclusion, Mr. Macaulay spent many minutes in praising his Leader, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson. Then he was finished, and William Newman (Liberal, North Victoria) moved the adjournment of the debate. And the House adjourned at 10.30 p.m. The speechmaking continues this afternoon.