

Thursday, March 22nd

SIR JOSEPH FLAVELLE NAMED AS CHAIRMAN OF RESEARCH COUNCIL

Will Head Organization of
New Foundation, Pre-
mier Announces

GRANTS BY GOVERNMENT

No Intimation Yet as to Who
Members of Council
Will Be

Sir Joseph Flavelle will head the organization of the Research Foundation that is proposed as a joint undertaking by the Ontario Government and industrialists in the Province.

This was announced by Premier Ferguson in the Legislature late yesterday afternoon, when he spoke in connection with the second reading of the bill to establish such a foundation. His pronouncement came as the climax of a lengthy address along the lines of that which he delivered at the banquet of Canadian manufacturers on Dec. 1 last. On that occasion he had told industrialists that if they put up \$1,000,000 for a research endowment his Government would contribute \$200,000 annually for five years.

It will be remembered that in his speech that night he spoke of the importance of industrial research, told of the projects of the Dominion Government in the research field, of his conferences with Dr. H. M. Tory of the National Research Council, sketched the industrial research work being carried on in Germany, in Japan, in the United States and in England.

Yesterday the Premier reiterated all these remarks. Then he told the House how he had promised that the Government would share the financial responsibility with industrialists and the public of the proposed \$2,000,000 fund.

Aid From Ottawa.

There would probably, he went on, be some assistance from Ottawa. This he understood from his conferences with the Minister of Trade and Commerce. He had further discussed the project with Right Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, and understood that it would get the support of the British Government, and probably some financial aid from the funds available for Empire work.

"We hope," he continued, "that in a few years we will see rising in this Province a research laboratory that will be of benefit not only to the Province, but to the Dominion as a whole.

"But," the Premier paused, "much depends on how these things are launched."

Announcement as Climax.

And then he staged his announcement. He made out of it a little drama of suspense and climax, and "put it over" just as he "put across" the introduction of Mr. Hanna as the Strong Man of the Province.

Before the climax came he had the members guessing "who's the man," and his final words of pronouncement came in a hush of expectation.

He was glad that he was able to tell the House that he had secured the consent of a man who was a leader in the business world, one well acquainted with educational development, one with first-hand experience in the industrial world, to head the organization and give it the impetus necessary for success.

"Sir Joseph Flavelle," he concluded, "has promised to undertake the organization and assist the Government and the public generally to bring about this undertaking."

Council Administration.

Speaking at the C.M.A. banquet, Mr. Ferguson proposed that the endowment be administered by a Council on which there would be representation from the educational and industrial organizations. This picture of the Council he again painted in the House yesterday afternoon. Beyond announcing Sir Joseph as the head of this body, he gave no information as to details of its constitution or duties. And also he was silent on the point of remuneration, if any.

THREE CANDIDATES RUN LIQUOR STORES

Premier Says Appointments
Made Free From Any
Solicitation

QUERIES IN LEGISLATURE

From Premier Ferguson the Legislature had the information yesterday that T. B. Chalk, W. H. Chambers and R. H. Marshall, three unsuccessful Conservative candidates on the "Government Control" ticket of the last Provincial election, were now liquor store officials. Mr. Chalk is in the Port Hope store, while Messrs. Chambers and Marshall officiate in the Woodstock store, in the capacity of vendor and assistant vendor, respectively.

Free From Solicitation.

The Prime Minister vouchsafed this information to an order paper interrogation from W. J. Bragg, Durham County Liberal member. He took pains, however, to point out that all three "store" appointments had been made free from solicitation of any sort from members of the Ministry. Mr. Chambers had been asked locally, he said, to take the appointment, but had consulted him (Mr. Ferguson) as to whether he was capable of handling the job.

"I urged him to take the position," said the Premier. "for he is just the type of man whom the Government wants in the liquor stores of the Province."

Provincial Treasurer Monteith informed Hon. H. C. Nixon (Progressive, Brant) that the Government paid no commission to the race-track pool which collected the tax on pari-mutuel wagers, but that a commission was paid the operators who collected the tax on the machines. In 1927, he said, a commission of \$42,338 had been paid out on a \$1,576,630 collection.

Cost of Keeping Open Road.

From Hon. George S. Henry, Minister of Highways, the House had the information that the keeping open of the Goderich-Stratford Provincial Highway during the winter of 1927-28 had cost the department \$2,648.97, while this winter the same job had meant an outlay of \$1,445.58.

REVISION COMMITTEE NAMED NEXT SESSION

Will Report on Changes in
Rules of Procedure of
Assembly

Premier Ferguson assured Aurelien Belanger, Liberal member for Russell, yesterday that, at the next session of the Legislature, a committee would be appointed whose duty would be to revise the rules of procedure of the Assembly and report back to the House before it prorogued. In the meantime Major A. C. Lewis, Clerk of the Assembly, will continue his work of collecting data for the revision in prospect.

The Prime Minister's assurance came after Mr. Belanger had asked when, if at all, his resolution favoring such a revision was to be called. The present session was speeding to a close, and the resolution would have no effect at all, if held until the final day before calling. He was prepared, he said, not to press it if he had some undertaking from the Ministry that the work which the Clerk was now doing would be implemented immediately after the 1929 session opened, by the committee appointment he suggested.