

Mr. Gardiner replied that he had said that the Central organization had solicited.

"Oh, no, you didn't," shouted Government members.

Mr. Ferguson demanded that Mr. Gardiner withdraw his statement, and declared that he had never solicited funds from liquor interests.

"If I made that statement I'll gladly withdraw it," said Mr. Gardiner, gracefully.

Eulogizes Premier.

W. G. Martin (Conservative, Brantford) delivered an impassioned half-hour eulogy of Premier Ferguson and his leadership of the Government and of the Conservative Party. The people, he said, "should thank God for Ferguson."

Speaking on conditions under the Liquor Control Act, Mr. Martin held that the public drunkenness and open debauchery which had been predicted for the act before it was launched had failed to materialize. He contrasted the orderly conduct of Toronto on New Year's Eve last with "the wettest Christmas yet" in Detroit. Party prejudice he believed accountable for the stubborn opposition to the act continually voiced by members of "the other side of the House."

Mr. Martin took issue with the statement of Aurelien Belanger, Liberal member for Russell, that the Government, while prepared to protect the farmer and the investor from high-pressure salesmen, was not protecting the future generations of the Province. Free love, birth control, and easy divorce, which Mr. Belanger had warned the Province to guard against, could not, submitted Mr. Martin, be charged up to the Ferguson Government, which had done so much for social welfare through its school for the deaf, its hygiene for underprivileged boys, its child hygiene, and now its efforts to solve the problem of juvenile delinquency.

J. H. Mitchell (Liberal, Southwest Simcoe) appeared to start something when he revived the incident of the House voting censure of a Toronto Star story, but the fireworks soon fizzled out. He criticized the statements of William Morrison, Conservative member for East Hamilton, to the effect that it had been far more difficult for him, in his capacity as Crown Prosecutor, to get convictions under the O.T.A. than it was now under the L.C.A. Mr. Mitchell wondered if Mr. Morrison hadn't got instructions, in the closing days of the O.T.A., to let the act run loose, so as to discredit it in the eyes of the public, and make the Ferguson Government's return to power a lot easier.

The Simcoe member had the House in gales of laughter when he read extracts of newspaper stories dealing with New Year's Eve parties in Toronto. One statement about "kissing a girl with ostensible force" fairly doubled up several members with laughter, and the Speaker had to call for order.

Rules Revision Query.

Aurelien Belanger (Liberal, Russell) inquired of the Prime Minister yesterday as to what progress had been made during the recess on the revision of the rules of the House. Mr. Ferguson replied that he had on his desk a suggested revision. When he had the opportunity of reading this he would bring it before the House, which could then appoint a committee to go into it.

Progressive Leader Lethbridge yesterday introduced his bill respecting contributions for political purposes. "That," Mr. Ferguson greeted the measure, "is to stop the other fellows, for we've stopped ours."

Second reading was given the two Government bills to make uniform the law respecting the assignment of book debts, and to make uniform the law respecting conditional sales of goods.

SENSATIONAL CHARGE LAUNCHED IN HOUSE IS AMENDED LATER

Hon. James Lyons Revises His Reference to "Brewery Funds"

SAULT STE. MARIE EVENT

Campaign Managers Got Funds to Beat Hearst, He Explains

A charge that liquor interests had contributed to the campaign funds of James Bertram Cunningham, Drury candidate in the Sault Ste. Marie constituency, who defeated Sir William Hearst in 1919, was launched in the Ontario Legislature last night by Hon. James Lyons, present Conservative member for the Sault, and former Ferguson Government Cabinet Minister.

His charge came when Chris Gardiner (Progressive, East Kent) was attacking the Government and the Conservative Party on the Liquor Control Act, and on the action of the Finance Committee of the Toronto Central Conservative organization in soliciting funds from liquor companies.

Mr. Lyons Asks Questions.

As Mr. Gardiner was speaking, Mr. Lyons interrupted with the question: "Is the honorable member aware that, or does he know to what extent, brewers supplied the campaign funds to Drury candidates in 1923?"

"As far as I know, not at all," Mr. Gardiner replied.

"I can tell the honorable member," said Mr. Lyons, "that in my riding they did. I saw the cheque passed from the brewery to the candidate."

"You have to prove that," interjected John W. Widdifield, (Progressive, North Ontario), heatedly.

"It would be no trouble," Mr. Lyons retorted.

Certain Revisions.

This ended this incident in the House, but The Globe sought further "light" on the subject. And Mr. Lyons, questioned by the reporter, made certain revisions to "clear up" his remarks.

"Are you charging Mr. Cunningham with personally receiving a cheque from the brewery company?" he was asked.

"No," he replied. "As a matter of fact, I meant to say that this happened in 1919. And I meant that his campaign managers received cheques from the brewers."

"It is possible, then," said The Globe, "that Mr. Cunningham, personally, had nothing to do with the subscription?"

"Yes," said Mr. Lyons, "but I meant to say that cheques went into his campaign fund to beat Sir William Hearst. The campaign fund returns didn't show those cheques, but I made an issue of the matter, and said that if they did deny it I could produce photographs of the cheques. And they didn't deny it."

LECTURES PLANNED ON EMPIRE HISTORY BY IMPERIAL ORDER

Big Educational Program Is Outlined in Bill Reported

GALT, OSHAWA MEASURES

Private Bills Committee of the Legislature, in its first meeting, yesterday, of the present session, appointed Hon.

W. H. Price, Chairman, and reported some eight bills, one of which was the measure through which the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire seeks legislative authority for past "Memorial Fund" expenditures, and lays down a definite program of educational work, as a memorial to Canadian men and women who died in the war, to which the unexpended portion of the \$460,000 fund may be devoted in the future.

Program Details.

This program is as follows: (a) To found bursaries in Canadian universities of sufficient value to provide a university education or its recognized equivalent available for and limited to such sons and daughters who were born on or prior to the thirty-first day of December, 1919, of (1) The soldiers or sailors or men of the air force killed in action or who died prior to the declaration of peace from wounds or from any other cause directly attributable to the war. (2) The permanently disabled soldiers or sailors or men of the air force or those of them who were so seriously disabled by reason of injuries received in military, naval or air force service that they are unable to provide a university education or its recognized equivalent for such sons and daughters. (3) The soldiers or sailors or men of the air force, who by reason of injuries received in such service died after the declaration of peace, while any such of their sons and daughters are of school age.

(b) To found postgraduate scholarships in history or economics or constitutional government, or any subject vital to the interests of the British Empire in such university or universities as may be approved by the War Memorial Committee, and which shall be located in Great Britain or any part of the British Empire.

(c) To found a travelling fellowship to be competed for by such scholars who have held bursaries under clause (a) or scholarships under clause (b) who may be designated as eligible by the National Chapter.

Lecture Foundation.

(d) To found a lecture foundation in Canada for the teaching of the history of the British Empire.

(e) To place in schools selected by the Department of Education of any Province in Canada, some of the reproductions of a series of Canadian War Memorial pictures painted for the Dominion Government by leading artists of the Empire to commemorate Canada's part in the Great War.

(f) To promote courses of illustrated lectures for the children of Canada on the history and geography of the Empire.

(g) To place a Daughters of the Empire library in such schools in Canada as may be designated by the War Memorial Committee, which have in attendance children of foreign-born parents.

Oshawa's bill, which sought validation of a \$17,000 debenture issue in connection with the erection of a pavilion on Lakeview Park, passed committee without dissent of any kind.

The committee also reported a bill seeking validation of a debenture by-law passed by the Municipal Council of

Acton to raise moneys to build a skating rink.

Cornwall Bridge Bill.

Approval was given by the committee to a bill seeking authorization of an agreement between the Township of Cornwall and the Ottawa & New York Railway Company and the New York Central, fixing the township assessment on that portion of the international bridge in Cornwall territory under the railway's control at \$150,000 a year for a period of ten years.

Galt's bill seeking approval of the last municipal vote for a change in the present ward system of electing Aldermen was passed unanimously by the committee.

An act respecting the Grand Lodge of Ontario of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, sponsored by Leopold Macaulay (Conservative, South York) was also reported. The bill, in effect, gives the Grand Lodge direct control over its home in Toronto.