

evening papers. But he wasn't there to discuss his newspaper affiliations. Rather, he wanted to tell how Premier Ferguson "rules by love, not fear."

**"Many a Song."**

He threatened to sing a nursery rhyme to illustrate his point, but members shouted. "Order! Order!" Mr. Shields said that at any rate he had "heard many a sing-song in this House."

He continued with some musical thoughts. He believed that the Government was piping a tune to which the public liked to dance. He regretted that some members of the House would rather listen to the "Opposition Blues" than the other "merry airs."

"Speak louder," said A. P. Mewhinney (Liberal, South Bruce). "We can't hear you."

Mr. Shields laughed, for this was a favorite request of his own.

Then he fired a bombardment at the Farmer members in the House, who "deprecated" conditions on the farm. "We should settle this matter once and for all," he said. If, he said, conditions were as bad as pictured, farm immigrants should be warned away. But he did not think the situation was so gloomy. He had, he said, listened to complaints from "Farmer members" for three sessions, talk of 'blue ruin,' yet the same members returned to the House each year looking "more prosperous than ever." He suggested that there should be a survey of agricultural conditions to clear up the situation once and for all.

**Both Keep Chickens.**

Mr. Shields had a lot of praise for the Minister of Agriculture. One thing that he and Hon. Mr. Martin had in common was that they both "keep chickens." He knew, so he later admitted, that whenever one said "keep chickens," some wiseacre asked, "What kind?" At any rate, somebody made the usual query last night. Mr. Shields had the answer all ready. "I'll tell you," he said, "that they're ones that have gizzards."

When the laughter at this retort died away Mr. Shields remarked: "Well, I'm glad I've wakened the House up. It was asleep when I got on my feet."

On the liquor question Mr. Shields maintained that the Commission was not trying to increase sales and make more money. To illustrate that, he told of a liquor-store vendor who was approached by a husky-voiced man and asked to suggest something for a cold. And the vendor, he said, replied: "Hot lemonade and aspirin." Mr. Shields stated that this reply was told Sir Henry Drayton, and that the Commissioner, taking the man's name, said that he wanted to give him "a good mark," and also exclaimed: "I wish we had more men like that."

**Never in Liquor Store.**

Farquhar Oliver (U.F.O., South Grey) interrogated Mr. Shields on the appearance of a liquor store. "I have never been in one," said Mr. Shields. "Have you?"

"No," Mr. Oliver also said. On Hydro matters Mr. Shields hoped to see the day when rates would be "flattened," and when all farmers received Hydro power.

T. Legault (Liberal, Sturgeon Falls) said that the tariff issue, which had been talked repeatedly this session by members of the Government side of the House, did not belong to the House at all, and he would warn the talkers to be silent in future, "for you," he added, "got a good licking once on this very question."

**Power Comparison.**

Mr. Legault, in discussing briefly the Hydro policy of the Government, expressed wonder at the difference between Hydro rates in private-ownership Quebec and the rates in Ontario, where Hydro was publicly owned, and supposed to be at cost. Rates along the T. & N.O. Railway were, in some places, as high as \$90—out of all proportion, he said, with \$12 rates in Quebec.

Speaking of the business situation in the Province today, Mr. Legault deplored amalgamations, and charged that the fusion of the International and Mond Nickel Companies at Sudbury would mean, ultimately, the destruction of industrial life in Coniston.

Statement from the speaker that the Spruce Falls Pulp and Paper Company at Kapuskasing, was discriminating against the employment of Canadian labor, was denied by Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, who pointed out to the House that, while this industry was built chiefly out of American capital, it was employing Canadian workmen. At the start, said Mr. Finlayson, there had been some importations of expert American officials, but in recent years the company

was co-operating whole-heartedly with the stipulation of the Government for Canadian labor employment.

Mr. Legault referred to the Lake Nipissing flood conditions of last summer and fall, saying that while there might not be as much rain this year, another flood was assured. While the Province was not responsible for the flooding, in that the dam at the mouth of the French River and the levels of the lake were purely under Federal jurisdiction, he felt that the Province should nevertheless interest itself in the situation, inasmuch as millions of feet of young spruce timber were being destroyed.

Mr. Finlayson asked permission to explain the situation, and got it from the Sturgeon Falls member. Mr. Finlayson charged that the Ottawa Government had held up the water to an abnormal length of time, and the honorable member knows it.

"Ottawa denies it," said Mr. Legault.

**"Know Differently."**

"I don't care what Ottawa says," replied Mr. Finlayson. "We have the readings and we know differently."

Mr. Sinclair, requesting "Order! Order!" asked Mr. Finlayson to let Mr. Legault go on with his address. Mr. Finlayson declared that Mr. Legault sought information.

"You have no right to make a speech," Mr. Sinclair retorted.

"The member is glad to have the information," said Mr. Finlayson. "Let me finish."

The Minister continued on the subject of the Nipissing Lake levels. Mr. Sinclair shook his head, apparently in disgust.

Mr. Legault repropoed to the Government his famous \$10,000 wolf-hunt offer of last session.

**"A Real Country."**

Mr. Costello, next speaker, urged the members to come down to Renfrew and see "a real country." However, said he, Renfrew had "a roads problem." He said he wanted to speak "along the lines" of speakers from North Ontario, and he requested the Government to do something toward bettering the back roads. He made a special plea for his constituency.

He also wanted to impress on the Government the need of building a good road from Ottawa through the Ottawa Valley to the Algonquin Park headquarters. It would also be linked up with Huntsville and the Muskoka district, and he thought such a system would be a real asset to Ontario.

**Algonquin Wolf Menace.**

Mr. Costello declared that conditions in Algonquin Park were not as good as they should be. He discussed a wolf menace there which prohibited sheep-raising in the near-by districts. He declared that there was a wolf menace throughout the Province that should be dealt with. He suggested "not a grand wolf hunt," as Mr. Legault proposed, but that trained wolf hunters should be hired to eliminate the wolves. He believed that trained men could get rid of wolves by use of snares.

Referring again to Algonquin Park, Mr. Costello declared that it was not sufficiently staffed. "I'd close it altogether or police it properly," said he. Instead of being the greatest game preserve in Canada, it was becoming more and more a breeding place for wolves, said he. He also thought that there were not enough game wardens in the Province, and that more money should be spent by the Government in protecting game.

**Asks Leave to Adjourn.**

Dr. Robertson, next on the list of speakers, noted that it was 11.30 p.m., and suggested that, instead of going on at that late hour, he be allowed to adjourn the debate.

Hon. Mr. Henry, leading the Government in the absence of Premier Ferguson, said that he understod there were to be two speakers after 11 p.m. "The Prime Minister," said he, "intimated to me that he was anxious to get forward and get into Supply early next week."

"What is the use," Mr. Sinclair objected, "of men of sense courting sickness and death by staying out at such an unseemly hour as this? We have to be here at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning."

Mr. Henry said the Whips had arranged the speakers' schedule, and that Dr. Robertson should go on.

"Talk an hour and a half, then," Mr. Sinclair told his follower. "Give it to them, if they want it."

So Dr. Robertson spoke to the House of the health problems dealt with by dentists. He referred to the detection of pyorrhoea and advances made in the study of this disease. He hoped that the Research Foundation would offer assistance to any dentist or physician who sought to discover or offset the cause of the disease. He believed that

many dentists were looking forward to such encouragement.

**No Wonder Leaving Farms.**

Dr. Robertson observed that while expenditures in the educational system of the Province were \$2,270,000 in 1912, they were \$9,333,000 in 1927. He noted that in 1928 this increased to \$10,201,614. "What," said he, "is going to happen to the rural sections if this expenditure goes on? No wonder people are leaving the farms and going to the cities."

He took exception to Premier Ferguson's policy of technical education in the schools. Why, said he, didn't the exponents of such a system establish an "agriculture technical school" in Toronto and tell people that before they could go farming they had to get their knowledge at that school?

He declared that dozens of people from cities had taken up farms in Northumberland and that it was a "shame" to see good property taken over by people who didn't know anything about farming, who failed and went back to the cities. Moreover, said he, as a result of those experiences on the farms, "many were dying of broken hearts."

Dr. Robertson next referred to the appointment of a roads official in Durham and Northumberland and how that

appointee was active politically. Moreover, said he, there weren't more than five Reformers holding positions as road overseers in those united counties.

"Surely the Tories wouldn't do that?" said Hon. Harry C. Nixon (Progressive, Brant County).

**"Hidebound" Men.**

"Perhaps not all the Tories," said Dr. Robertson, "but both parties have a few men who are so hidebound and treacherous that they are not party men at all but grafters."

At 12.15 a.m. Dr. Robertson again sought to adjourn the debate. The Speaker said that he understood that there was to have been sufficient time allotted to Dr. Robertson to finish his address that night.

"Well," said Dr. Robertson going on with his speech, "there is no harm for a man to think so long as he doesn't express himself."