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NEW IRON ORE BILL GIVEN FIRST READING IN PROVINCIAL HOUSE

*Interesting Announcement
on Bounty Plan and Re-
search Foundation Work
Expected From Premier*

CAUCUSES HELD; NO STATEMENTS

Premier Ferguson has lost no time in putting into legislative form his promised increase of Ontario's iron-ore bounty from 1-2 cent to 1 cent per unit.

The Legislature had barely got under way yesterday when he introduced the Government measure providing for the rise, and five minutes later the bill was on its way to the downtown printers, in order that the House will have ample time to study it before Mr. Ferguson speaks to it on its second reading.

An interesting story is expected from the Prime Minister at the second reading, not only with regard to the bounty scheme of stimulating development, but in respect of the work which the Ontario Research Foundation, under the chairmanship of Sir Joseph Flavelle, is reported to have undertaken as an aid to the Government in its long-sought establishment of a great iron-ore industry in the northern half of the Province.

Yesterday, as anticipated, was a quiet day in the House. Speeches of the mover and seconder of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne definitely ended the ceremonial for the time being and paved the way to the debate proper, which will be resumed by Liberal Leader William E. N. Sinclair on Tuesday afternoon next.

Two caucuses were held during the day. The Government one took the form of the usual luncheon-conference in the Speaker's apartments. The Liberal caucus was held in Mr. Sinclair's own office. No statement of any kind was forthcoming from either. The Progressive group, under Hon. Harry C. Nixon, will get together on Monday next, it is reported.

The First Skirmish

"Has that anything to do with bucket shops?" asked Liberal Leader Sinclair, in the Legislature yesterday when Attorney-General W. H. Price moved first reading of an amendment to the Charities Accounting Act.

"Maybe," put in Premier Ferguson.

"Maybe, before we get through," supplemented the Attorney-General.

Mr. Sinclair smiled.

A moment later Colonel Price introduced an amendment to the Lunacy Act.

"That may have something to do with it," he said.

This time the Conservative benches grinned.