

he remarked, amid laughter. "I do not suppose my friend had that in mind. This is just the trouble when a farmer tries to make laws," he smiled, admitting that he himself had often disagreed with the law officers over such things. "I am not going to vote for something that is absolutely foolish," he said.

"With respect to the salary of the Commission Chairman, I do think that it might very well be reduced. If the Chairman resigns, there will be no trouble in getting competent men at a good many thousand less. If Clause 2 is deleted, I would be willing to vote for the bill," the Liberal House Leader concluded.

Mr. Nixon—I wish to make it clear that in drafting the bill, I drafted it to suit myself. Foolishly, I submitted it to the law clerks. They radically revised it, and apparently bedevilled it.

He said that he was willing to withdraw the clause, but in the rather informal proceedings of the closing afternoon nothing appeared to be done about it, and the vote was taken. But apparently Mr. Sinclair believed that it was withdrawn, because he voted for the bill.

Want Reserves.

Resolutions asking that Hydro reserves "beyond necessity" be returned to the people, and the number of Government bodies and "superfluous offices" in Canada be reduced, were approved by Windsor City Council tonight. The resolutions emanated from a conference of civic officials at Kitchener.

Maguire's Dual Post Is Sinclair's Target In Ironic Attack

Liberal House Leader Caustic in Reply to Henry's Contention Information on Salaries Should Come From Municipalities—"Maguire to Ask Maguire," He Suggests in Pointing Out That Association Head Is Also Commissioner—Nixon Reads to Legislature List of Meighen Investments

CLOSE OF SESSION FIXED FOR TUESDAY

In spite of the fact that the Province has advanced Hydro more than \$200,000,000, Premier Henry maintained in a statement to the Ontario Legislature yesterday that it was not the right of the Legislative Assembly to criticize the activities of the Commission or to demand light on the salaries paid to the executive officers. Mr. Henry considered that such demands for information should come from the municipalities, through its representative body—the Municipal Electric Association.

Prorogation on Tuesday.

The Legislature adjourned late in the afternoon, and only the formal ceremony of prorogation remains, set for Tuesday next.

Liberal House Leader Sinclair pointed out that the Chairman of the Municipal Electric Association was none other than Alfred Maguire, one of the Hydro Commissioners. It would be a case of Mr. Maguire asking Mr. Maguire for information, which Mr. Maguire would decide was not of public interest—as the Hydro Commission had already decided—the Hydro Commission of which Mr. Maguire is a member.

Mr. Henry had declared that Hydro should be "free from political trammels, divorced from a partisan arena, devoting all its time and energy to the task in hand."

Repeating the above phrase, Mr. Sinclair ironically said: "That's good!"

"Is Right Hon. Arthur Meighen free from political trammels?" asked Mr. Sinclair. "I don't think so. Mr. Meighen is too old a man to give up his political life. Can you imagine Senator Meighen taking off his silk hat of the Senate and laying off his politics as he goes into a Hydro Commission meeting?"

Mr. Sinclair Skeptical.

"Free from political trammels," reiterated Mr. Sinclair. "You mean free from Liberal political trammels. Why, the Commissioners are all Conservatives!"

A Conservative Member—What about Maguire?

Mr. Sinclair—He didn't stay Liberal when he got in.

"It is useless," Mr. Sinclair continued, "to say that Hydro was divorced from party politics—you can't get away from it."

"Hydro would become the subject of public discussions on the floor of the Assembly," quoted the Liberal House Leader from Mr. Henry's statement. "This is a shocking statement for the Premier to make. Surely, with this Province having an investment of

more than \$200,000,000 in Hydro, it can be discussed on the floor of this House."

Banks and insurance companies were institutions which Mr. Henry declared had prospered without the public's gaze.

"Surely these institutions are subject to the scrutiny of their shareholders," observed Mr. Sinclair.

"You are on the wrong track, Mr. Premier, and you know it; and I say this to you sincerely and in all kindness: Lay all the documents on the table. If everything is all right, it's all right; if anything is wrong, we should know about it," advised the Liberal House Leader.

Public Demands Information.

"It is not going to hurt anybody if the salaries paid by the Commission are known; the public is entitled to know, and the public is going to keep on till it does know. If the Chairman refuses to give the salaries to the Legislature, the House should stand up and demand to know them," he said.

"But, you say the municipalities may have the information if they want it," went on Mr. Sinclair. "But who are the municipalities? By whom are they represented? This Municipal Electric Association. Who is Chairman of this Municipal Electric Association? Why, Mr. Maguire! The same Mr. Maguire who is one of the Hydro Commissioners who refuses the information."

Mr. Sinclair then outlined the procedure, as he saw it, necessary to obtain the information for the municipalities.

He continued: "Mr. Maguire will ask Mr. Maguire for information on the salaries and Mr. Maguire will consult with Mr. Maguire, and Mr. Maguire will decide that the information is not in the interest of the public."

Maguire to Question Maguire.

Mr. Nixon—Mr. Maguire will ask Mr. Maguire!

Mr. Sinclair—Yes; Mr. Maguire will ask Mr. Maguire.

Mr. Henry—Now be fair: Mr. Maguire is Chairman of the executive of the Municipal Electric Association.

Mr. Sinclair—All right! Then you ask Mr. Maguire, Chairman of the Executive Association, to call a meeting of the executive to ask Mr. Maguire what the salaries of the officials are.

Hon. Mr. McCrea—You are doing fine.

Mr. Sinclair—Sure! But when Mr. Maguire, the Chairman, asks Mr. Maguire to call an executive meeting to get these salaries Mr. Maguire the Commissioner and Mr. Maguire the Chairman will discuss it, and in the