

BONDING OF LAWYERS ASKED

Gardhouse Urges Change

The legal profession took a long, rough ride in the Ontario Legislature last night.

West York's Liberal representative, W. J. Gardhouse, acted as guide, speaking at length of the advisability of bonding lawyers and definitely suggesting that they form their own protective association for the same purpose.

Mr. Gardhouse counted his opponents as he raised the question of lawyers who have absconded with the money of their clients. There were nine lawyers in the Legislature from Toronto, two from Windsor, two from Hamilton, and two from Ottawa.

"How often the law-makers are the greatest law-breakers," he noted as the legal members of the House began a five-minute laugh.

"They seem to be a necessary evil," he continued, and East York's representative, Hon. George S. Henry, applauded with vigor.



MR. GARDHOUSE.

"What is the difference between a lawyer and a fog?" asked Mr. Gardhouse. "A fog is mist on earth and a lawyer will be missed in heaven."

Again the House interrupted proceedings with laughter.

Admitting exceptions, he was willing to agree that they might be in the Legislature—"especially on this side of the House."

"I have a bill prepared," said Mr. Gardhouse, "but it just doesn't suit me."

The lawyers laughed again and Opposition legal lights offered assistance. "I contend the lawyers of the Province should be bonded. You open up your heart and tell a lawyer everything. Something should be done to protect the people of this Province against the legal fraternity."

The member for West York also urged a raise in the succession duties and shorter hours—in view of the labor market—for attendants in Government institutions. Teeth in the Milk Control Board, Drury veto of radials, and the Government's Hydro stand brought thanks from the West York member. With a call for rural Hydro, he coupled a suggestion that municipality bonds in the Hydro vaults dating from radial times might be returned.

RIGHTS OF PROVINCES INFRINGED

By Jobless Insurance, Says Belanger

INTRODUCTION of unemployment insurance and minimum wage legislation by the House of Commons at Ottawa is a blunt infringement of the rights of the Provinces.

Conservative Characteristics.

This charge was made yesterday by Aurelien Belanger (Liberal, Prescott), who returned to the Ontario Legislature after five years' absence.

"The rights of the Province of Ontario and other Provinces are now being compromised," declared Mr. Belanger, "and it behooves this House to look with jealousy, with care and solicitude to what is going on at Ottawa."

The Doctor of Philosophy from Prescott delighted in quotations from the Classics in his humorous but pointed attack on the Opposition forces.

"It is characteristic of the Conservative Party," he said, to have big men at the head of the affairs. But some of those big men were big because the others were small."

There was no doubt, he declared, that the Hon. Arthur Meighan sensed a Conservative defeat when he resigned from the Ontario Hydro Commission.

"He's not the only one of these big men—there was G. Howard Ferguson," declared Mr. Belanger. "As Caesar of old said, he would rather be first in the provinces than second in Rome. Mr. Ferguson got out of Ontario politics and went over to London to be second or third."

Questions of Patronage.

The Hon. George S. Henry squirmed in his seat. "Now just who is the Hon. Mr. Ferguson second to in England?" the Leader of the Opposition asked.

"He is second to the whole Cabinet at Ottawa," replied Mr. Belanger amid desk-thumping. And I will say this: that the same Mr. Ferguson wouldn't be second if he could be first."

"There is an old saying," continued Mr. Belanger, "In the Kingdom of the Blind the one-eyed men are kings."

Mr. Belanger turned to Hydro, and, as an older member of the Ontario Legislature, declared that he was in the House when the Government (then Conservative) asked approval of the Gatineau power contract.

He regretted, he said, his indirect participation in that terrible affair.

U.F.O. TO SUPPORT LIBERALS

Oliver Doubtful of Tories

Farquhar Oliver—last U.F.O. survivor in the Ontario Legislature—will vote with the Hepburn Government when current debate concludes in a full-dress division, and will guide his political future by the extent of that Government's achievements.

He was in a predicament, Mr. Oliver admitted to the Legislature yesterday—"but I have no confidence in these gentlemen" (the Conservative Opposition). The last of the U.F.O. guard said that he proposed to take a quick chance and a broad jump.

To Vote Confidence.

"I'm prepared to vote confidence in this Administration to handle the Hydro question." As for liquor, admittedly ticklish, Mr. Oliver said that he was not very much enamored with the way the Conservatives had administered the law, and was willing to give the Government its opportunity.

As for the future: "If my friends (the Government) do not do the things they said they would I should feel bound to oppose them as strenuously as I supported them in the last campaign. If they do give good government—bring order out of chaos—that's another story and another chapter which I do not propose to go into at this time."

Yesterday the U.F.O. Leader, Whip, and sole representative, limited himself to constructive criticism of the Government's activities. A report from the Hydro Commission was called for on Hydro in the farm.

Hydro on Farm.

"I am persuaded that we should make definite plans for getting Hydro to the farm. No one deserves it more, no one would appreciate it more than the farmer, and especially the farmer's wife."

As for contracts, anything to lighten the Hydro burden would be desirable. There would be pleas for the bondholders—widows and children—but on former occasions there had been these pleas until the list of bondholders was actually disclosed.

The member for agricultural South Grey repeated his opinion that a packing-house combine certainly existed in the control of one or two men. He called for a reduction of stockyard charges, and the transport of stock to the yards and not by a competition-killing short cut direct to the abattoirs.