

tration and was a party to ignoring repeated petitions for such a test in his own riding—a test which was only undertaken when the Liberals took power.

Raps Member.

"So my honorable friend from Carleton," he said, "who waves his arms so much and shouts for tuberculosis testing, appears to have done absolutely nothing about it himself when he had a chance.

"And the same member, who asks why I don't start a Government farm at the Sault, was a member of the party that sold the New Liskeard farm to the partner of the former Tory member. And he was a party, too, to the closing of the Hearst Farm and the Kemptville School for Girls. People who live in glass houses should never throw rocks."

Three times Mr. Acres, obviously smarting under the Minister's jibes, rose in protest, but with Mr. Marshall remaining adamant on his feet, the Speaker ruled against interruption, just as the Minister had been refused the floor during Mr. Acres's attack on his department last year.

Mr. Marshall took up the cudgels on behalf of the newly acquired stud bull at the O.A.C., terming the acquisition the most handsome live stock gift ever made on this continent. He praised, too, the "milk-fed stallion" recently acquired for the same school, and said he resented the "cheap sneers" of Mr. Acres regarding the auctioneer through whom the bull was bought.

He announced, furthermore, that he had recently been notified of the presentation of a prize heifer to the Province by a Scottish breeder.

Discussing the operation of the Kemptville School under the Tory Administration, Mr. Marshall charged that weeds overgrew the schoolyard, there was no adequate water supply, and, although there had been cooking lessons given for years, there wasn't a cook stove in the place.

Regarding the closing of Ontario House at London, Mr. Marshall said it was closed "because it was of no value." The building, he said, was in a disadvantageous location on the Strand, and would never be an asset to the Province. In any event, he said, the promotion of Canadian export trade in the Old Country was the responsibility of the Dominion Government.

Lauds O.A.C.

Finally Mr. Marshall lauded highly the Ontario Agricultural College at Geulph, and the calibre of its graduates, and he closed his address by referring to Premier Hepburn as holding "a warmer spot in the hearts of the people of the Dominion of Canada than any other public man."

When Hon. Peter Heenan, in yesterday's Legislature, offered to have his Northern contracts scanned by the Public Accounts Committee, the Liberal offer was snapped up by Mr. Henry, who thus set the machinery of the committee (the Legislature's probing body) into action.

"I'll take that under advisement," the Conservative Leader said, when Mr. Heenan said he was ready to have the committee compare his contracts and preceding contracts.

"When the Public Accounts Committee is assembled we're going back far enough to take in the records of our predecessors." Premier Hepburn broke in. He added something in an undertone which Mr. Henry took as an invitation to demand the committee.

"All right, I make it now," the Tory Leader said. "I hope you call it tomorrow."

Both the Premier and the Opposition Leader were indefinite about their committee plans after the session. The Premier would not name a date for the assembling of the inquisitorial body. Pressed to say who would be counsel for the Government when the Opposition starts to dig into the accounts, the Premier again declined to make any statement.

Calling of the committee was the highlight of the first part of Mr. Henry's speech. It followed a speedy review of the Government's activities, in which the former Premier argued that Government economies did not equal the 50 per cent. reduction in administration costs promised by the Premier.

Mr. Henry took the list of Government savings which was brought down in the Legislature last week by Major J. H. Clark to prove his point. The Highways Department, by these figures, showed savings of 1.3 per cent. Mr. Henry said; the Lands and Forests Department reduced expenses by 27 per cent.; the Education Department, 11 per cent.; the Attorney-General's Department, 6 per cent., and the Provincial Secretary's Department, only 3 per cent.

Flank Attack.

The former Premier changed to a flank attack with the statement that economies could be put through at the expense of efficiency.

Agriculture came in first for this criticism. "If there is one industry which should not be denied the meagre grants which we have been giving to it, it is agriculture," he said.

Education was next, and Mr. Henry made a strongly worded plea for continuation of State aid for schools and universities.

"My honorable friend," he told Minister of Education Dr. Simpson, "is proud that there has been a reduction of \$1,300,000 (in departmental costs); and how has it been accomplished? By reducing the grants and barring the universities from their needs. It's a real problem for the students because their fees have been increased. My honorable friends are pleased that, with buoyant revenues, they are cutting down on one of our greatest requirements."

Dr. Simpson broke in to ask if Mr. Henry would say the Government was not justified in cutting the university grant by \$100,000.

"I don't know what the university finances are now, but I know they had to pass it on."

The Minister reminded Mr. Henry he had cut the grants. "The students are paying today for your extravagance."

The former Premier flared up. "I feel strongly," he said, "the responsibility of the State in regard to university education, which is naturally of high cost. Most of it should be paid by the State, so that those who are capable of using it may get it, no matter what families they come from. I would be loath to think that this Province should deny an education to boys and girls because we can't afford to give it."