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clared that if the North "ever gets going at full capacity it will do more to link the East with the West in Canada than can be done in any other way. It strikes me that the building up of Northern Ontario will weld the Dominion of Canada in the true spirit of Confederation."

Deplores Exodus of Youth.

Mr. Haney said he believed the House should take in hand the problem of the exodus of Canadian youth to the United States. Boys were leaving by the thousands simply because they did not know of the possibilities of Ontario, and the possibilities of the North. Nobody, he said, ever seemed to try to impress on the minds of the youth the possibility of their playing a man's game in Northern Ontario. He thought the Administration would be well advised to take this matter into its view, and if it were a means of remedying the evils responsible for the exodus it would most certainly justify its political existence.

"The people should see to it that class bitterness and sectional rivalries are things of the past," he said. What was needed was not a class consciousness, but a national consciousness, a national desire to pull together in harmony.

W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal Leader, moved the adjournment of the debate until Tuesday.

J. A. CURRIE MOVES FOR REFERENDUM

Conservative Member for Southeast Toronto Demands O.T.A. Vote

NOTICE BEFORE HOUSE

John A. Currie, the avowed "wet" Conservative from Southeast Toronto, already has on the Legislative order paper notice of his intention to demand an early referendum. His resolution reads:

"That in the opinion of this House the Government should introduce immediately such legislation as may be necessary to provide at an early date for a referendum on the liquor law of this Province."

The subject is one dealt with in the Speech from the Throne, and Mr. Currie's resolution may be considered out of order. The Government forces met in caucus yesterday, and it is understood that the course with regard to the Ontario Temperance Act was the one which received most of the hour's discussion. Opinions, it is said, were much divided as to the proper course.

Saturday, Feb. 9th

MEMBERS VERY BUSY FOR SEVEN MINUTES AT SPEAKER'S SESSION

Do Not Wary of Possible Opposition Regarding Official

ADROITLY HEADED OFF

Anticipates Introduction of Government Bill to Recognize Liberals

The Legislature held one of the briefest sessions on record yesterday afternoon. It adjourned after just seven minutes' deliberation. Mr. Speaker's prayers really occupied as much time as was devoted to business proceedings.

Despite the brevity of the sitting, however, the House did not adjourn without what, under the surface, was really an echo of the previous day's vehement ultimatum by Hon. Manning Doherty. When Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines, arose to introduce a few minor amendments to the Mining Act, Mr. Doherty called Mr. Speaker's attention to the breach of the rules, which, he said, called for two days' notice of motion.

Doherty Is Watchful.

"I am not attempting to hold up this particular bill," he said, "but we reserve to ourselves the right to require that the rules of the House be lived up to."

What Mr. Doherty really anticipated, it is understood, and what he may actually have headed off, was the introduction by the Government of a bill to amend the legislation requiring the Speaker to recognize any group of 15 members or more. If the Government had any intention of following first reading of the Mining Act amendment with the bill which, the Progressives say, he must introduce to legalize his proposed course, it did not make any appearance after Mr. Doherty's move.

In introducing his Mining Act amendments Mr. McCrea announced that next session he proposed reviewing the whole Mining Act. This session, however, the amendments were minor, extending to a Bailiff certain legal powers in connection with mining heretofore conferred only on a Sheriff; to permit the commissioner to make vesting void in the case of a deceased person after the lapse of 12 months, and some others.

Standing Committees Appointed.

All the other business the House transacted was to appoint standing committees, as follows:

Striking Committee—Messrs. Ferguson, Henry, Price, W. D. Black, Welch, McKeown, Pinard, S. Clarke, Mewhinney, Doherty, Biggs, J. G. Lethbridge.

Library Committee—Messrs. Nickle, Carr, Owens, McBride, Elliott, Sweet, Belanger, Sangster, Raney, Widdifield.

Committee to make any expenditures authorized on art—Messrs. Martin, Goldie, Lewis, Clarke (Brockville), Monteith, Keith, Proulx, Nixon, Bowman.

The House adjourned until Monday afternoon.