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BALKED IN PROTEST, U.F.O. LEADER MOVES WANT OF CONFIDENCE

**Hon. Manning Doherty
Causes Rumpus in Legis-
lature Because He Is Not
Designated Leader of
Opposition — Two Ap-
peals Taken From
Speaker's Ruling**

MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO CENSURE PREMIER

Two appeals by the "Progressives" from the ruling of the Speaker—the first in more than a decade—a motion of want of confidence in the Ferguson Government by Hon. Manning Doherty; a motion by the same member that was in effect a censure upon the Premier, and Premier Ferguson's accusation of "subterfuge" levelled against Mr. Doherty—all served to provide a hectic sitting of the Legislature yesterday.

As was stated in The Globe Monday last, Mr. Doherty was tripped up on a technicality when, rising to a question of privilege, he attempted to voice the protest of himself and his followers against Premier Ferguson's decision to recognize the Liberal group as the official Opposition. Mr. Ferguson took the ground that a member was entitled to arise on a question of privilege when his personal honor was concerned, and by no stretch of imagination, he said, could the affairs and status of a group be considered under that head.

Mr. Speaker's Ruling.

When Mr. Speaker was called upon for a ruling he held that the clearly defined rules governing Parliamentary procedure upheld the Premier. He reiterated, however, the Premier's suggestion that the "Progressive" party Leader could bring the subject in later and debate it to his heart's content on a notice of motion.

Speaker Thompson became the storm centre of a chorus of protests and queries from Mr. Doherty and his lieutenant, Hon. W. E. Raney, who, finally, upon the Speaker's own suggestion, appealed from the ruling of the Chair. When the thunder of Conservative and Liberal "ayes" had effectually drowned out the "Progressive" "nays" Mr. Raney demanded a recording of the votes, and division bells rang for the first time during the session on the question of whether the Chair should be sustained. The vote was 83 to 18 in support of Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Doherty Starts It Again.

The House had time to cool off during a brief but able speech of Liberal Leader W. E. N. Sinclair on the debate on the reply to the Speech from the Throne and during half an hour of the subsequent address by Mr. Doherty. Then the whole thing happened practically over again when Mr. Doherty attempted to introduce the forbidden subject on an amendment to the reply to his Honor's address, which Mr. Speaker ruled out of order be-

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