

Mr. Joynt made a plea for lower freight rates and criticized the wages demanded by labor. He said he wanted to give the Attorney-General a great deal of praise for the way he enforced the Ontario Temperance Act, and declared that he had always been a temperance man.

Use Better Detectives.

J. C. Brown, U.F.O. member for North Middlesex, came to the rescue of the Attorney-General when Mr. Lewis was criticizing the administration of the O. T. A. He asked Mr. Lewis if he had heard Mr. Raney's defense in the House, and what rigid precautions were taken in the employment of operators. Mr. Lewis maintained that detectives of the character of those on the Toronto police force should be used to ferret out crime, and then there would be proper enforcement. Mr. Lewis, however, said he was a supporter of temperance legislation.

Mr. Lewis said he disagreed with the Premier's statement that his new Hydro-radials Act would be more workable than the one of 1914. The municipalities affected, he thought, were of his (Mr. Lewis') mind on that.

Members Not in Favor Of Lights on Vehicles

In the Legislature yesterday the bill introduced by Charles Swayze, Niagara Falls, making it compulsory for all vehicles to carry front and rear lights between dawn and dark on highways, met overwhelming defeat, after but brief discussion, on its second reading.

J. M. Webster, West Lambton, said that if they kept on pedestrians would soon have to carry lights. He thought someone ought to bring in a bill putting a tag on the Ontario Safety League.

Sam Clarke, West Northumberland, said the bill was a burden.

The bill of R. R. Hall, Parry Sound, to amend the Public Lands Act, was ruled out of order by the Speaker.

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OPPOSITION HURLS MANY CHARGES

Welland Liquor Operators Act in Reprehensible Manner, Says R. Cooper — M. M. MacBride Brands J. H. Spence "Head of Bootlegging Fraternity" — Raney Promises Inquiry

"LAST NIGHT PARTY" COMES UP AGAIN

Opposition members had "a field day" on the Budget debate in the Legislature yesterday. For several hours six Opposition members beat a tattoo of criticism upon the consciousness of the assembled legislators.

Serious charges were hurled in the teeth of the Government.

A. C. Lewis, Northeast Toronto, making grave allegations concerning the death of Capt. O. Huston at Fort Frances, startled his colleagues by hurling across the floor of the House what are, perhaps, the most damaging charges ever voiced in the Chamber.

Robert Cooper, Liberal member for Welland, speaking of the actions of liquor operators in Welland, whose operations figured in both the recent attack and defense of Attorney-General Raney's administration of the O.T.A., read from an affidavit alleged details of the most serious and sordid nature.

D. M. Hogarth (Conservative, Port Arthur) charged the Government with taking an attitude toward New Ontario which encouraged the secession movement and caused the people to resent being looked on as a Crown colony. A vote on secession, taken on January 1 next, would carry, he stated.

M. M. MacBride (South Brant) made a strong attack on the manner in which the liquor traffic had been investigated, or not investigated, in Brantford. In this connection, he stated that John H. Spence of Brantford was "the head and front of the bootlegging fraternity" there, and offered to secure evidence on which Spence could be prosecuted

ed if Hon. Mr. Raney would give him a special officer to help him.

Will Be Given Officer.

Mr. Raney promised to give him the officer.

W. D. Black (Conservative, Addington) hotly attacked the Government's good roads policy, and J. A. Pinard (Liberal, Ottawa East) charged unfair treatment of the separate schools, and said they could recover by law the sum of \$150,000 from the Government.

The affidavit concerning the conduct of liquor operators at Welland, which Mr. Cooper read, set forth that three men had taken rooms at the home of the lodging-house keeper who made the affidavit, and there also was in the house a seventeen-year-old girl. The affidavit said the men had invited this young girl into their room one evening and "had given her liquor and a pill, which they said was dope that would fix her up." The following day she showed \$10, said the affidavit, which she said one of the men had given to her on condition that she go away with him.

Two of these men, said the affidavit, were the principal witnesses in liquor cases where heavy fines had been collected. The affidavit said, further, that the inspector had never visited the lodging-house keeper to make any inquiries concerning the incident. This inspector, said Mr. Cooper, was not, and is not, a person who should be in charge of a department of that kind.

Urges Careful Spending.

Mr. Cooper urged upon the Government the importance of being careful in the expenditure of money on works which could be left over for two or three years. Some expenditures would have to be made, one of them being the great Hydro improvement, the Chippawa Canal. Discussing agriculture, he said that the local expenses on the farm were getting high. The Government should be careful not to get the taxes so high on the farm that the farmer could not stay there.

Mr. Hogarth made a hot attack on the Government and said the movement for secession was growing in the North county. The people there, he said, objected to being viewed as a Crown colony, to being patronized, and to the bungling in the handling of their resources. If a vote were taken on January 1 next, on secession, the vast majority of the people would say "yes" to that movement, he declared.