

what Breeds Secession.

He then named some of the things that he held were responsible for the growth of the movement. One was the appointment of the Timber Commission. By this appointment, he said, the people saw the lumbermen being harassed and hunted instead of being encouraged by the Government. Then the dues were doubled during the depression—another "crack to the lumbermen." These things were responsible partially for the condition of stagnation that existed today in New Ontario.

Charging that John H. Spence, Brantford, was the "head and front of the bootlegging fraternity" of that "country," M. M. MacBride made an extended explanation of the conditions that led up to the appointment of the Gregory Commission. As a result of that commission Police Magistrate Livingston was retired from his position, the announcement being made yesterday.

Requests Special Officer.

Mr. MacBride said some time ago he had sent a telegram to the Attorney-General asking for an officer to come to Brantford and work with him regarding O.T.A. affairs. This officer went to Brantford, but did not get in touch with Mr. MacBride. "I found that the head of the bootlegging fraternity had possession," said the Brantford member, "because there is no doubt in my mind that John Spence is the head and front of it."

"If these charges are true he ought to be dismissed, of course," said the Attorney-General.

Mr. MacBride said the Attorney-General could not dismiss him; that was up to the Dominion authorities. But, he added, if the Attorney-General even today gave him a good, reputable officer, "I will produce sufficient evidence to show him John Spence's receipts of whiskey, by which he can prosecute."

"You shall have the officer," said the Attorney-General. Mr. MacBride made a spirited defense of Mr. Livingston and his record as an official.

"That Party" Up Again.

At the beginning of his speech, Mr. MacBride criticized the statement of T. K. Slack, U.F.O. member for Dufferin, in which that member had said no U.F.O. members had been at the "last night" party. Mr. MacBride held that was a reflection on the members on his side of the House. He made the definite statement that if the Attorney-General wanted information on the subject, "I'll take the responsibility of moving a motion in the House to get the information." He said he could not understand Mr. Slack's statement, when two Cabinet Ministers had said in the House they knew all about it. The Attorney-General intervened here and said that nowhere had it been stated that the Attorney-General and the Premier knew all about it, nor nowhere had it been stated that a member of either side of the House had been present at the party.

"I hope we have heard the last of that attempt," said Mr. MacBride, "to crawl out of something for which U.F.O. members are responsible, and know they are responsible, and of which at least two Ministers of the Government have some information."

Scores Roads Policy.

W. D. Black, Conservative member for Addington, severely criticized the Government for its good roads policy, dealing particularly with the question as affecting rural ridings and the distribution of money between the highways under the Minister of Public Works, and the Colonization roads under the Minister of Lands and Forests. Although the Provincial and country highways comprised but one-eleventh of the roads of the Province, \$14,000,000 had been spent on them last year. Only half a million, he protested, had been spent upon the other ten-elevenths.

In that connection, he said the Government had broken its pledges of building roads for the money, and he went on to say that the people in the outlying parts of the Province were entitled to more consideration. He said that, by an amendment passed last year, the Government had "saddled on some of these poorer townships a debt for the money which was expended on your Provincial highways running along the waterfront."

Need Another Commission.

Mr. Black went on to state that, while the Government criticized the Hydro Commission for overrunning its estimates, it might very well appoint another commission to investigate overrunning of estimates in its own departments. He instanced 9.5 miles of the Dundas road. He

found that, although the 9.5 miles had been estimated to cost \$209,475, four miles had already cost \$255,353, without bridges.

J. A. Pinard, East Ottawa, discussed briefly the question of schools. He said he hoped that shortly the Liberal party would sit on the right side of the House, and "We will get from the Government that then sits on that side of the House, British fair play."

In Quebec, he said, the minority had its own committee on the Board of Education, which gave to the Protestant element in the Province the right and privilege to direct the ways and means of its schools as it saw fit.

Can Collect \$150,000.

He hinted that legal advice had been obtained which was to the effect that it "would be possible for the separate schools to collect from this Government \$150,000, or thereabouts, withheld from us by illegal regulations put against separate schools."

PETER PROPOSES TO TAX WAGERS

Five Per Cent. Levy on All Bets Through Pari-mu- tuels in Ontario

BUDGET OUT AT LAST

Hon. Peter Smith, Provincial Treasurer, announced last night in the Legislature that the Government would tax all bets through the pari-mutuel machines on all race courses in Ontario this season, at a rate of 5 per cent. This will bring the Government additional revenue estimated at \$2,500,000.

This declaration came at the close of his continued Budget speech.

"The money," said the Provincial Treasurer, "will be easily collected, without any expense. If a man wins he will pay a portion as tax, but if he loses he will not have to pay anything."

Mr. Dewart asked if it were not the intention of the Government, having gone into the race-track business, to enter the liquor business and share in the profits.

"We don't know what we might do," answered Mr. Smith.

Will Borrow \$45,000,000.

The Treasurer announced that during the year the Government would find it necessary to raise approximately \$45,000,000 by bond flotation. He concluded his Budget remarks with a repetition of his appeal to members to do and say nothing on platform appearances to injure the credit of the Province.

In his address, the Treasurer pointed to the Dominion methods of bookkeeping as a precedent for the use of the term "extraordinary" in his accounts. There were payments,

he said, referring to Mr. Nickle's criticism in the debate, which were neither ordinary nor capital. The Kingston member pointed out that he had not objected to the use of the term "extraordinary," but to its inclusion with capital.

Thinks Probe Profitable.

According to Hon. Mr. Smith's statements last night, the sum paid for civil service superannuation had been treated as ordinary and not capital, as had been stated. In connection with the \$105,000 amount for Hydro-radial Commission in capital, he said it was profitable "because the commission saved Ontario \$200,000,000, possibly."