

Sidelights On The Legislature

Toronto, March 10, 1924. Motion by Hon. W. F. Nickle on Thursday for reading of the bill to permit a popular vote on the O.T.A. precipitated such a flood of discussion in the Legislature that adjournment was finally taken at midnight on Tuesday. Fifteen members participated, exclusive of A. Belanger (Lib. Kussel), who moved the adjournment so that the speeches did not average very long, even with that of Hon. W. E. Roney, who took two hours and a quarter. Both Mr. Roney and Hon. Manning Doherty urged that debate be deferred until the following week, but Premier Ferguson said due notice had been given and he could not see the advisability of delay; the House must get on with business.

To a large degree, the occasion was a dress parade by private members, vocalizing the views, as they estimate them, of their "wet" or "dry" constituencies, and candor compensated the statement that there was mighty little new brought out. Hon. W. F. Nickle explained that the bill was purely an enabling measure, to permit a vote on the O.T.A. at an unexpired time, and the Government was prepared to take full responsibility for framing the necessary questions. The Attorney-General mentioned what some members failed to note, that the verdict of such popular vote must be brought by the Government before the Legislature, so that there is not, in reality, any attempt by the administration to "legislate" for the House, as suggested by Mr. Roney.

Hon. Manning Doherty moved in amendment "that the bill be read six months hence," and in due course this will be supported by a score or so opposition members. Some Liberals will oppose the amendment, but generally speaking, members of both Oppositions have discovered excuse of one kind or another, which permits them to follow their leaders in criticism of the Government's bill. Even "wet" Liberals, such as Ed. Teller of North Essex, who says his district is ready for a plebiscite and tired of the O.T.A., objects to the bill because it does not embody the questions to be submitted to the electors. If the Government had a majority so slight that the bill were in danger, these Liberals would indeed be in a delicate position. The Conservative majority is their safeguard from condemnation at home.

It should be noted that members for rural ridings, such as C. R. McKeown (Con., Dufferin); J. G. Lethbridge (C. F. O., West Middlesex); J. W. Widdifield (U. F. O., North Ontario) and others, are as strongly behind the O. T. A. as the most members from the cities, insofar as they were heard, believed their constituents ready for a change in the Act. Quite a number were specifically favorable to Government control, W. G. Weichel (Con., North Waterloo) and J. A. McCausland (Con., Southwest Toronto) speaking earlier in the week, were strongly opposed to the O.T.A., and the same might be said of members from border ridings who spoke in the debate—Wilson of Windsor; Wilson of Niagara Falls, and others.

Private members' expressions may be interesting and important, but it is well to remember that the Government stands as before, prepared to submit a plebiscite or referendum when public opinion plainly calls for it; that it accepts responsibility for fixing the time and nature of the vote, and meantime the Province has the word of Hon. W. F. Nickle, Attorney-General, that the O.T.A. must and will be enforced so long as it remains a statute.

W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal leader, and Col. W. E. Price, Provincial Treasurer, wound up the budget debate on Wednesday, and the latter sprang another sensation in expressing a series of remarkable bond deals in which a mushroom concern, known as Provincial Securities Company sold to Hon. Peter Smith in 1921 and 1922 quantities of Canadian bonds and English inscribed stock purchased in Great Britain, at a spread of 1 1/2 to 14 points per share. In addition, these people "talked" the Government in the matter of exchange, Col. Price charges, the Province paying par for the pound, and the department also paid over accrued interest, notwithstanding that sales on London exchange are "flat." Losses on the transactions have been figured out by the treasury department at \$58,734 in 1921, \$227,544 in 1922 and \$14,888 in 1923. This must be added the excess over a normal market which the Province was forced to pay for statutory sinking fund bonds. Total loss on the deals is tentatively estimated at \$393,000, but the Public Accounts Committee, which organized on Friday with W. Finlayson, East Simcoe, as chairman, will no doubt find out all about it after it gets through with the first item tackled—exchange loss on Treasury Bills placed in New York.

It's a poor week in which there are no new evidences of the Government's determination to exercise economy. A deputation from the Canadian Manufacturers' Association was informed by Premier Ferguson this week that the Government would no longer grant \$100,000 toward administration of the Compensation Board. The manufacturers might be hard up, but the province was even more so. An important saving has been made, it is learned, in connection with Government advertising, for the placing of which the late administration paid generous fees to various agencies. Hitherto, departments have individually looked after their own advertising in various publications, with natural overlapping of effort and the maximum of expense. This work has been co-ordinated by the new Government; it has been possible to get lower rates, and a lot of advertising placed for benevolent motives

chiefly has been cut out. The saving made already is quite important, your correspondent understands, though the Government is still in its first fiscal year and the change has been brought about without additions to the staff.

Hon. Mr. Doherty now admits a slight error of over \$11,000,000 in computations used when he criticized the budget speech. Hon. W. F. Nickle called it a slip of \$24,000,000, because nearly \$12,000,000 had been taken from the right column and put in the wrong when Mr. Doherty was trying to show that the new Government spent more during the last fiscal year than the old. The admission was obtained by Hon. Charles McCrae, Treasurer, who had shown that interest charges had not been included by Mr. Doherty in the amount spent by the Drury Government. Mr. Doherty then confessed to lack of information on the point at the time he made his attack.

Much ado is made in sections of the press regarding the official recognition by Speaker Thompson of the U.F.O. Opposition in the House. There never was any particular doubt about his recognizing Mr. Doherty as leader of "an" Opposition group, since it has more than 15 members, and the matter of \$1,500 additional indemnity is provided by statute. The controversial matter of seniority over the Liberals is settled by Mr. Speaker adversely to the U.F.O. Capt. Thompson cannot see that a change now would conduce to harmony in the House. He also declined to print in the Journals of the House the U.F.O.—Labor petition, for the reason that it made an unfounded allegation of "lawlessness" against the Prime Minister.

All Committees are now functioning, and private and public bills are being handled in a way which gives hope for a comparatively short session.

The vote upon the Budget, in which the House divided for the first time on party lines, gave the Government a majority of 47.

SMOKES ASPIRIN, GETS JAG

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Prisoner Has Hilarious Time With Aspirin Jag.

An aspirin jag was the diagnosis of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. doctors, who examined David Bourbard of Burlington, Vermont, held in the New York State jail pending examination of his mental condition. Bourbard complained recently he had a headache and a jail attendant gave him some aspirin tablets. The prisoner became hilarious the other day and a doctor found he had pulverized the tablets, put them in his pipe and smoked them. The jag wore off within a short time.

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FEELS TEN YEARS YOUNGER

Mrs. Sage Gets Great Benefits From Drego and Recommends It to Any One Who is Suffering From Stomach Troubles.

"I can hardly realize that I am the same person" says Mrs. S. Sage of 22 Batavia avenue, Toronto. "I feel ten years younger and enjoy every meal, something that has been impossible with me for years."

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SCOTCH COLLIE PULLS CHILD FROM PATH OF SLEIGH

North Bay Dog Saves Playmate From Serious Injury.

Saturday morning little Leonard Wilson, aged 5 years, was playing with a big dog owned by J. J. Barker, the North Bay manager of the Hudson's Bay Company, when suddenly a delivery rig turned the corner and knocked the child down. Like a flash the dog grabbed the lad by the collar of his coat and attempted to drag him out of harm's way. He succeeded in pulling the child's body clear, but one of the runners of the sleigh passed over the little fellow's legs.

Onlookers carried the boy to a nearby house. A physician was summoned but discovered that Leonard had suffered no serious injury, only some severe bruises and abrasions. The dog, an intelligent Scotch collie, waited at the door for some time for the reappearance of his young companion, and then ambled off disconsolately in the direction of his master's home.

The man who shaves himself wonders wistfully what kind of wenders the laundry uses to put that edge on his collars.

H. E. P. C. LOSES APPEAL AGAINST GREY COUNTY

Decision at Osgoode Hall Means That All Hydro Poles and Wires in Ontario Are Illegal on Highway—Affects Millions of Dollars Worth of Property.

The question of the right of the Hydro Electric Power Commission to use the public highways of Ontario for the erection of its poles and wires for the purpose of distributing electricity to the municipalities had never been doubted or questioned until the Power Commission entered suit against the County of Grey, Ontario, for the cost of removing a number of its poles and wires on the highways of the County of Grey, in order to enable the county to carry out its policy of highway improvements. The county, through its solicitor, Mr. W. S. Middlebro, K. C., disputed the Hydro's claim and contended, first, that even though the county had ordered the removal of the poles, they had no right to pay for such removal; second, that the Hydro had no legal right to place its poles and wires upon the public highway without the consent of the municipality; third, that if it had such right, then such right was subject to the paramount right of the county to the unobstructed use of its highways for highway improvements and other purposes.

At the last Spring Assizes here, Mr. Justice Ross upheld the contention of the county and dismissed the action on the ground that the Hydro Electric Commission under its act of incorporation had not been given the right to place its poles and wires upon the highway without the consent of the municipalities. This decision was no doubt a great shock to the Hydro, which had millions of dollars of its property on the highways throughout Ontario, so the Hydro appealed the decision and the appeal was heard a couple of weeks ago before the Appellate Court, consisting of Justices Orde, Middleton, Latchford and Masten, with the result that the appeal was dismissed with costs, the county's contention was sustained and the only recourse now for the Hydro is to seek legislation from the Ontario Legislature, giving them the right to maintain and keep their poles and wires on the highways and making these provisions retroactive.

Hon. I. B. Lucas, K. C. appeared on behalf of the Hydro Electric Power Commission and Mr. W. S. Middlebro, K. C. appeared on behalf of the County of Grey.

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