

The Ontario Legislature For Week Ending March 20

The week was featured by demonstrations, somewhat striking in contrast, between Conservative solidarity and Liberal dissension. R. L. Brackin, Liberal member for West Kent, who on Tuesday afternoon supplanted Harold Fisher, official financial critic, in the budget debate, made a pronouncement on the liquor question in direct opposition to the recent declaration of his leader, Mr. Sinclair. He came out definitely and strongly for a system of sale under government control, and gave the House to understand that he had entertained such views for some time, and had at last come to the conclusion that members should not continue to sail under false colors, to the extent that silence might appear to give consent to principles and policies in which they did not believe. As it is well known that J. A. Pinard and about five others in the party take the same stand, Mr. Sinclair is now in command of a minority group, so far as this important issue is concerned.

The matter did not rest with the Brackin-Pinard incident. On Wednesday, Mr. Sinclair read to the House a prepared statement in which he, virtually read these two members out of the party. He declared that they had no right to speak for it in the House on this question, especially as Mr. Brackin held a retainer from a distillery company, and Mr. Pinard "conducted in one province a business, which was unlawful in this." With the domestic breach thus accentuated, Mr. Brackin returned to the attack on Thursday, long enough to explain that he held no such retainer as alleged, although he had represented the Dominion Distilleries, of Montreal, before the customs enquiry committee at Ottawa, merely on technical matters. The member also took occasion to explain that while he was as Mr. Sinclair said, a party to the Liberal platform of 1919, including its prohibition feature, that was six years ago, and the O. T. A., instead of proving a blessing and benefit, in many parts of the province, has proven to the contrary. Mr. Pinard will have his say next week, but in the meantime, stood up to remark to the House that Mr. Sinclair was no more entitled to express party policy than any other member, that he was picked as leader by a group of 14 who had nobody else at the time. Just at this time, Liberal conventions are being held in Western Ontario constituencies, and the speakers sent from the House are conspicuously "dry" members. In accordance with Mr. Sinclair's declaration, an effort is being made to line up prohibitionists behind the candidates now being selected, but it will be noted that things are not going smoothly in all cases, and in West Elgin, one nominee expressed no-currence in the "dry" plank and refused to allow his name to go before the convention.

The demonstration of Conservative solidarity referred to came on Thursday night, when a complimentary dinner was tendered Hon. Howard Ferguson by all his supporters in the Legislature. It was a most enjoyable occasion, featured by the presentation to the prime minister and Mrs. Ferguson of a large cabinet of hall-marked silver. The premier was deeply touched, and the gathering itself was no less moved when Mr. Ferguson referred to some of the incidents of his political career in less fortunate times. John Jost, North Huron, presented, a huge bouquet of roses to the prime minister, for Mrs. Ferguson. Another interesting feature was the fact that though the cabinet ministers were present, they were given a listening role, and it was made "private members' night. In addition to Hon. David Jamieson, who presented the silver; Hon. J. E. Thompson, who proposed a toast responded to by the only visitor, W. A. Boys, M. P., there were brief addresses from Col. John A. Currie, Toronto; W. H. Chambers, South Oxford; James McCausland, Toronto; J. R. Mark, North Victoria; Michael McKnight, East Elgin; W. H. Edwards, Toronto; Dr. J. H. Harcourt, Parry Sound; T. D. Johnston, East Peterborough; T. J. Mahoney, South Wentworth; H. A. Kennedy, Temiskaming, and J. Hill, East Hastings.

In a memorable speech on the ideals and principles of the party, Mr. Ferguson said: "The Conservative party has always stood for the interest of the Canadian toiler and producer. The legislation that I propose to put on the statute books year after year will not be that which emanates from the faddist, the man with a cure-all for every little difficulty that arises, but legislation that deals in a broad, general way with sound principles that will appeal to the sound sentiment of the average citizen of this province, and if we do that, I am convinced we will always carry the judgment of the Conservative party." In acknowledgment of the spirit of the gathering, the Prime Minister said: "My experience of 10 or 12 years as member of a government, and long before that as supporter of a government, when Sir James Whitney dominated affairs, convinces me that never has there been such unswerving loyalty as I have today at the hands of the Conservative party. I appreciate that more than I can express. I have tried to tell you that I have no special interest in advocating one policy more than another. My own interest is to exercise my judgment in a way that I think will be

in the best interests of the Province as a whole."

While quoting tributes to Mr. Ferguson, there may as well be included one from the Liberal side. R. L. Brackin, West Kent, said on Tuesday: "I admire from a political standpoint my friend the prime minister. He has a lot of courage. I have never known him to fail to say exactly what he thought, and in times of stress and trouble, his courage never deserted him. He fought best when fighting with his back to the wall, and I always admire him for it."

Public Accounts Committee has been sitting frequently during the week, and on Friday night, held the first night session. Hon. James Lyons, late minister of lands and forests, has been the only witness, and while the result has not been startling from a newspaper standpoint, it gives food for thought along a line probably not anticipated by the inquisitors who brought about Mr. Lyons' resignation as minister. The evidence, in brief, shows that while Mr. Lyons' firm, the Lyons Fuel & Supply Company, ceased to do business with the Government some time ago, at his directions, the business which it had been transacting actually saved the province a great deal of money. It is also on record that Mr. Lyons had no personal dealing or common financial interest with any Crown lessees, contractors or others doing business with his department. In a nutshell, as he told Mr. Sinclair on Friday morning, there had been nothing improper or irregular in any shape or form as result of his holding Cabinet office, and the sole reason for his resignation was that questions on the order paper indicated a desire on the part of the Opposition that he should give details of business transactions between his own firm and its customers in the north country, and this he absolutely declined to do.

There was an interesting discussion in the Agricultural Committee of the Legislature on the corn borer menace, and Professor L. Caesar, entomologist at the Ontario Agricultural College, reviewed the whole situation, predicting that Essex and Kent, and perhaps some other counties, might have to go out of corn-growing in two years' time, for about a year, Hon. Mr. Martin's bill making compulsory the appointment of inspectors, was given a second reading in the House, on the same day. It is designed to provide for such action by counties, however, and not townships, as formerly planned.

The second report of the Agricultural Enquiry Committee, appointed in 1924, was tabled by Hon. David Jamieson, on Wednesday, and contains a comprehensive review of the committee's activities during the past year, as well as some important recommendations, the chief of which have to do with marketing. A provincial co-operative council is recommended, and also the inauguration of an Ontario Cattle Pool, along the lines of the Manitoba plan. It is reported that growers of small fruits and vegetables urge the necessity of tariff protection. The practise of exporting fresh-killed beef to the old land is considered practicable, in spite of the fact that "correspondence with the Dominion Minister of Agriculture on this head has not brought forth future of common agreement upon future policy. The committee is not convinced by the arbitrary stand taken by the minister against the feasibility of trade in beef killed in Canada, shipped to England and retailed in 14 days on a par with the 'home-killed' beef of Scotch and English butchers. The minister is in error in supposing this committee had considered the subject without all available documentary information."

SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN KICKED BY HORSE

Eight-year-old Annan Lad in Serious Condition From Accident Met With Last Saturday.

A most regrettable and serious accident occurred on Saturday to the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, R. R. No. 2, Annan. As a result of being kicked on the side of the head by a horse, the little lad is in bed suffering, though he will recover without difficulty. The occurrence was one that might have resulted in far more serious consequences, though it is an unfortunate thing to happen at all. The little boy was outside of the barn at his home when he was kicked. He had been close to several of the horses, and this one had evidently not seen the lad when it threw out its foot. At any rate the blow struck him about the ear, on the side of his face, rendering him unconscious for a time.

Word was sent to Dr. H. G. Murray, who hurried to the home where he found a fractured skull with the least of the damage. He did everything possible for the young boy and then had him removed to the city where he was given further care. On Monday morning, he was resting easily and was doing as well as could be expected. It is expected that he will recover without any complications setting in from his injury.

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BENTINCK BOY INVENTED MIXER

Mr. John Puthrough, for Years London's Leading Contractor, Now Has Concrete Mixer That Is Expected to Revolutionize Industry.

The Bentinck friends of Mr. John Puthrough of London, a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Puthrough, who up to a few months ago were residents of this township, will be pleased to learn that in addition to being London's leading contractor, he has now blossomed out as an inventor of a machine that for the last few months has stood up under the most severe conditions and made good. Last Saturday's London Free Press has the following to say about this new invention:

Wonderful progress has been made by John Puthrough, general contractor, on the new Sir Adam Beck Collegiate Institute, when it is taken into consideration that the winter has been heavy and that work was not well under way until about December 1.

All the footings, concrete walls and foundations of the entire building are completed, and the entire ground floor reinforced concrete slab has been put on.

In addition, the brickwork is nearly all one story high, and now the workmen are starting to put the second floor concrete slab in place. The entire ground floor slab was put on during January and February.

This is material evidence that concrete work can be done during winter. Mr. Puthrough says there is no need to stop this type of work during cold weather if you understand conditions and what effect the weather has on concrete during the various stages of the setting process.

The first essential is to have good concrete, and a man who knows good concrete when he sees it. In this connection, it might be pointed out that Mr. Puthrough is recognized in London and Western Ontario as an expert in concrete work. He has always made a close study of this phase of construction.

It is exceptionally interesting to note, in this regard, that through Mr. Puthrough's close attention to concrete mixing, an experience of a century of time, he has invented a new type of mixer.

This mixer he designed and built himself. It has been working on the Collegiate job for three months. It is a fact that all the concrete used on the Collegiate has been mixed by it.

In detail it might be described as a half cubic yard mixer. In discussing it, Mr. Puthrough declared that he is not afraid to put it up against any three-quarter cubic yard mixer on the market for speed and good concrete.

The mechanical action of the mixer is such that it will produce a uniform mix in a minimum length of time. The mixer is just a little different from anything on the market, and is the first two-skip mixer in Canada.

The simplicity of operating the two-skips is an accomplishment in itself. This is done by one lever. By simply pushing the lever away from you, you lift one skip, and by pulling it toward you, you lift the other.

Engineers who have seen it work claim that it produces concrete faster than anything they have seen yet. The production of this mixer is evidence that Mr. Puthrough pays close attention to the intricacies of the building business. That he is capable of taking care of the most exacting work is a foregone conclusion; indeed, one that has been proven time and again in London and district.

Roy Moore and D. Hennigar, of the firm of John M. Moore & Company, architects, have inspected the mixer. They declare it to be a machine that has several advantages. It mixes well. Its facilities for changing from rough concrete to finishing concrete in short order are remarkable.

City Engineer Near declared that it does its work well, does it rapidly. "It is a most revolutionary idea and a good one. The construction is simple. The charge and discharge is quick. The mixing is most thoroughly done."

Superintendent Jack Moffat, of the city engineer's department, declared that "he was a genius to put it over. The idea is wonderful. It is ideally suited to building construction, and I believe with higher wheels, it would be equally successful on pavement work. The mixer mixes well. The discharge is quick."

T. Munford, engineer and inspector on the Collegiate, has nothing but the highest comment for the concrete made by this new mixer. "I have seen a lot of concrete mixed," he said, "and I think this mixer has anything I have seen beaten for speed and good concrete."

Bentinck Council
(Our Own Correspondent)

Pursuant to adjournment, Council met on March 15, 1926. Members all present, minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Magwood—Grierson: That we pay Hanover Memorial Hospital \$106.50 for 71 days board and attendance on William Gross of the Township of Bentinck. Carried.

Turnbull—Grierson: That the sawyer-Massey Company be paid \$800 for two No. 4 graders, and C. N. R. \$14.59 for freight on them. Carried.

Grierson—Magwood: That Council authorize Alex. McGregor as a delegate to attend the Ontario Trustees' and Ratepayers' Convention at Toronto on April 6 to 8, and to oppose the Municipal Trustees' Board Bill, his expenses to be paid by Township. Carried.

Magwood—McGregor: That, whereas application has been made for the construction of a hydro power line east of the Town of Hanover on the Durham Road, and that we refer same to the County Roads Committee for their approval. Carried.

McGregor—Turnbull: That we accept the report of the Road Superintendent re Provincial Convention and that his expenses, \$12.70, be paid. Carried.

Turnbull—McGregor: That bylaw 104 giving the proposed expenditures for the year on construction \$7,000 and maintenance \$5,500 be passed, and a copy forwarded to the Department of Highways. Carried.

The following accounts were paid: Municipal World, dog tags \$13.95; W. Wright, inspecting \$1.50; D. J. McDonald, meet engineer \$2.75; R. Grierson, meet engineer \$1.37; One meeting of Council \$13.75.

Turnbull—McGregor: That we adjourn to meet on Monday, April 26, for opening bridge tenders and transaction of general business.

—J. H. CHITTICK, Clerk.

CHILDREN'S SHELTER DONATIONS

Following is the report of collections made recently for the Children's Shelter at Owen Sound:

S. S. No. 10, Bentinck	84.50
S. S. No. 14, Normandy	2.00
S. S. No. 9, Gl. aelig	3.95
Hutton Hill	2.20
S. S. No. 5, Bentinck	2.45
Dornoch	1.50
S. S. No. 1, Glenelg	2.75
U. S. S. No. 3, Bentinck and Glenelg	1.25
S. S. No. 2, Bentinck	2.60
Edge Hill	3.10
Mulock	1.80
Rocky	1.90
No. 3, Bentinck	3.15
No. 1, Bentinck	1.00
Total	\$34.15

Town of Durham

Lambton street to C.P.R. track on west side	\$15.00
C.P.R. track north on east side	4.00
Ford garage to southern town limits on east side	3.90
Ford garage to southern town limits on west side	11.61
C.P.R. track north on west side	7.30
Total	\$41.81
Total	\$34.15
Total	\$75.96

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