

## Last Week in the Legislature

Toronto, March 17. Eight or ten more speeches at most will conclude the budget debate in the Legislature. The coming week may therefore see its finish, especially as the public accounts committee commences its hearings next Wednesday and other committee sessions are fairly numerous. The fish and game committee has a heavy agenda, but the private bills is nearly through, the time limit for introducing such measures having expired. All three party leaders have still to be heard in the debate, but the main criticism of the budget itself has been delivered by W. E. N. Nickle, K.C., Conservative.

Premier Drury's address, when it comes, ought to end the suspense about proportional representation and the single transferable vote. It seems to be generally accepted that the Government will ignore the glaring inequalities of representation exposed by the 1921 census and allow riding alignments in the province to remain as they are for the coming election. Springer, of Haldimand, or some other U. F. O. member, stated this week in the House that redistribution was a matter for long and careful consideration, but there seems no reason why it could not have been sent to a committee of the House early in the session had the Government been so disposed. However, the premier will perhaps pass up his plans for experimenting with the single transferable vote and confine them to penetrating "P.R." on the Torontos. The party is not unanimous as to the former phase, and many members are quite opposed to any such stunt in their own constituencies. As to Toronto, the United Farmers are not so much interested.

Mr. Nickle in the course of his speech on the budget was asked by A. L. Pinard of Ottawa, if he were in favor of proportional representation. His answer was this: "I am a member of the Liberal-Conservative party, and one of the mental fundamentals of the man who called himself a Conservative is that before he abandons that which has proved itself to be good, you have got to prove to him that that which he may be going to adopt is better. A proverb that might be adopted by the Conservative party is, 'Look before you leap.' When you are going to strike a system of representation that has been through the centuries found safe and sure for the British Empire, when the adoption of that policy means abandonment of party—and it was Disraeli, I think, who said that under the British constitution there could be no government unless it were a government of party—I say to the member for Ottawa that he has to introduce argument more cogent, more potent, before he can convince me that proportional representation is the cure-all for all our ills."

As to redistribution, the Kingston member was most outspoken. The matter of granting readjustment or withholding it from the people of the province is not one of political expediency, but of right and justice. He said:

"The whole matter should be relegated to a committee of the House, in which there should be representatives of every group and once a unit of representation is reached for the urban, and for the semi-urban and purely rural districts, we should apply ourselves to a redistribution that would remove the monstrous conditions that prevail in this province to-day. No man can take up the census bulletin and notice inequalities such as those I have just read without being brought face to face with a problem that will not brook delay. . . . It makes no difference in my mind whether we sit here until the first of May or the first of July, that is the one great problem that should have our consideration before we go to the electorate and ask for a judgment on the administration of this province. To obtain office is not the only thing to be sought in public life. There is the obtaining of power on a franchise equitably held and on electoral districts adequate and fair in one as between it and others."

U. F. O. members have been strikingly silent, both in and out of the House, on the subject of redistribution, but with respect to Mr. Nickle's criticism of the financial statement they are equipped with a somewhat curious answer. They say: 'He showed that certain items of expenditure were placed under capital instead of ordinary, but he does not charge that money was wasted. Unless money was wasted it is not of great importance which column

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"I think you have been grossly extravagant in relation to your commissions. I think you have been grossly extravagant in squandering money on lawyers. You have greatly increased the number of civil servants. There has been extravagance in administration of many of your departments. I think you might have kept down your expenditure on lands and forests very substantially. I think you have done a great number of things you need not have done at all. I think highway expenditure is something preposterous. Widening of highways to 100 and to 86 feet is absolutely unnecessary in my part of the country."

There was more of it, making quite an earful for the treasurer, and showing that financial criticism is not based, as U. F. O. members are suggesting, on manipulation of items as between "ordinary" and "capital" accounts.

It was a great speech, as all admit. Both sides of the House applauded the Kingston member as he began and when he concluded. It occupied four hours, but it covered all the high spots in provincial administration, while Hon. Manning Doherty recently spoke five hours on the work of the agricultural department and his own personal achievements. Part of the length of Mr. Nickle's speech, it may be added, was due to the premier's refusal to allow adjournment of the debate. The Kingston member's voice was not in good condition, and he suggested resuming next day. The prime minister shook his head, although it was about 11 o'clock, so Mr. Nickle said: "Well, I am game to go on if he is game to stay and listen." He concluded at midnight or a few minutes after. There was a noteworthy and fitting tribute to the

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### U. F. O. RESULTS (Meaford Mirror.)

Ontario owes much to the U.F.O.—and, possibly also much "because of the U.F.O." as you were about to say—but the agricultural industry owes much more to it.

This week the packers are not buying many hogs. They have been taking a serious "trimming" in the export market and have sharply curtailed the volume of their purchases.

And why? In the old days they could go out and buy hogs at any price they desired. Now the claim is that farmers are becoming educated merchandisers and cannot be victimized in the old way.

Through their marketing organization they regulate shipments to the market and are able to largely control the situation. It is rather surprising to know that the U.F.O. success is greater in the hogs than in other lines of stock.

The U.F.O. has developed the bacon hog idea so successfully that "selects" are found in greater percentage in U.F.O. shipments than elsewhere, and the salesmen will sell those direct to local butchers or any one else—so that the packers have to step lively or be left high and dry.

These things have not been gleaned from U.F.O. but from independent sources and seem to be fully established as facts.

There has been much failure in the co-operative efforts of the U.F.O. and in its political endeavors (based on pre-election promises) but the live stock selling scheme has been a wonderful success, though not without its vagrant clouds betimes.

### WALKERTON I.O.O.F. HALL HAD CLOSE CALL FROM FIRE (Walkerton Herald-Times.)

Hermeston's hardware and tin-smith store had a close call from being destroyed by fire on Sunday noon. About 1 o'clock smoke was seen issuing from both the front and back doors of the store and an alarm was immediately turned in. On the ringing of the fire bell the brigade promptly responded. An investigation showed that a portion of the tin shop at the rear of the store was ablaze and a promising conflagration was developing. On the throwing of a couple of streams of water the flames were extinguished quickly with but very little damage being done by the fire. Most of the injury to the stock and the premises was caused by the water. An insurance inspector has placed the damage wrought to the stock and tools at \$300.00, which is spread equally over three companies. That the entire building and contents were not wiped out is alone due to the early discovery of the blaze which is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion setting up in a pile of greasy rags and waste in the tinshop. The building is owned by the Odd Fellows and which with a large number of other lodges hold their meetings and have their paraphernalia in the upper storey of the premises.

### HANOVER U. F. O. STORE MAY BE CLOSED

A meeting was held in Hanover a week ago last Saturday afternoon to consider the advisability of forming a local organization to take over the Hanover branch U. F. O. store and continue the business. After a thorough discussion of the matter it was finally decided that the scheme could not be carried out. The Hanover branch U. F. O. store was opened in October, 1920, and while it is still in operation, business is said

to have fallen off so greatly of late that it may be necessary to close it before long.

Can You Beat This From Elora?  
(Elora Express.)  
Mr. William Forbes, a farmer ad-

joining Elora, reports that in February he secured a total of 585 eggs, the product of 40 hens. He thinks it a mighty good record and would like to know if there is anyone in the neighborhood whose hens can beat it.



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