

DRURY REFUSES TO ALLOW ANY INTERFERENCE

Declares Progressive Party Should Stand Separate From U. F. O.

CHEERED AT AILSA CRAIG

Claims He Will Not Be Dominated in Course He Chooses.

Ailsa, Craig, Aug. 17.—As leader of the political farmer movement, and as premier of the Province of Ontario, the Hon. E. C. Drury, refuses, pointedly, to be dominated by those who

are burdened with lesser responsibilities. In his concluding remarks of a characteristic aggressive address at the first annual North Middlesex U. F. O. picnic at Stuart's Grove this afternoon, the premier made it quite plain that he did not propose to countenance for a moment anything that would tend to hamper his so-called "broadening-out" policy. While Premier Drury did not, as at Grand Bend yesterday, once mention the name of J. J. Morrison, secretary of the provincial U. F. O., there were none among the two thousand or more gathered electors of this riding who failed to catch the true significance of his remarks, cheering him with undoubted fervor. As a matter of fact the veteran secretary's name was mentioned but once from the platform during the entire proceedings, and then briefly by J. W. Lethbridge, M. L. A. for West Middlesex, who lauded him as his efficient superior to his present post of secretary.

Accompanying Premier. Accompanying the premier, in addition to the several district members of the Ontario Legislature, all more or less well known throughout the province, and who also spoke at the

Three Kitchener Motorists Badly Cut When Car Runs Into Wire Fence

Special to London Advertiser.

KITCHENER, Aug. 17.—C. P. Schmidt, Charles Knechtel and Frank Hillier, all of this city, were seriously injured in a peculiar automobile accident today near Breslau. They had gone on a fishing trip and turned into a lane leading to the river. The lane had a sharp curve in it and in making the curve they did not notice barbed wire which was stretched across the lane. The car

crashed into the wire, stretching it until it snapped.

The recoil caught the three men, inflicting severe lacerations. Schmidt had the side of his face torn open from his mouth to his ear. Knechtel received a serious laceration across the abdomen, and Hillier received severe cuts on the neck and face. Some of their clothing was torn to shreds by the wire. Their injuries were attended to by Dr. Hagmeier.

event, Mr. Biggs is always ready to discuss his good road policy. On the platform supporting the leader of the Ontario farmers and his minister of public works were such well-known legislators as J. D. Brown, M. L. A. for North Middlesex; J. W. Freeborn, M. L. A. for East Middlesex; W. J. Lethbridge, M. L. A. for West Middlesex; Peter G. Cameron, M. L. A. for West Elgin; J. D. Drummond, M. P. for West Middlesex; and Archie L. Hodgins, M. P. for East Middlesex. All spoke briefly, characterizing their premier as the real power in the Ontario government, and indicating in no unmistakable manner to stand squarely behind him in his "broadening out" policy so recently enunciated.

Supports Two Bodies. "Shall we have a pair of Siamese twins," questioned Premier Drury, referring to the relationship of the U. F. O. movement to the present political party, "or shall we have two separate, healthy, robust, and friendly organizations? I have seen the former in a side-show. They were neither healthy or normal. If one dies, the other must die with it. Personally I favor without hesitation the two separate units."

Each stands upon its own record—its own foundation, each resting or falling upon its own merits. However, I have been charged with the political leadership of the farmer movement.

At his first appearance in this riding on a public platform this afternoon, the head of the highways department felt it incumbent upon himself to refer to the issue briefly: "I have no apology to make."

He stated: "The premier will also touch upon this matter."

The premier's remarks were equally brief. "There was a rumor that Mr. Biggs was afraid to come here," he asserted. "That is not true. I needed him that day for something that was far more important than his attendance in Ailsa Craig. In any

ment, I feel that I must take my own course. I cannot be dominated or tied by those who have less responsibility than I have.

"I'll admit that this movement started as a class movement. But it has outgrown that stage. We have been striving to overcome the hundred and one inefficiencies of the old-line parties. We have achieved certain success.

Appeal To All. "A year from today, however, I venture to say that the people of this province will say that my policy as outlined, that we appeal to all who think as we do, whether they live in towns or in the rural districts, irrespective of occupation or creed, to come in with us, is the correct stand.

"I am interested in the ultimate success of the political movement, but I contend that we cannot carry on as a class movement alone. Powerful as the farmers are they are not sufficient in numbers to maintain a government always. Therefore on our record I have appealed to those of all classes to come in and support us.

Denouncing group government as impracticable, the premier held that what was most required at this time is not class consciousness, but citizen consciousness. He stated that he did not desire that the country or the Legislature should be divided into sections, but that the house would contain those who will think and act in the terms of the great bulk of the people.

Denies Break. "There is no break in the U. F. O. ranks," he declared decisively. "I feel that there is considerable misunderstanding upon this point. It is said that I have committed the heinous crime of opposing the grand old man of the party. Like the bad boy, they say that I am, taking the reins in my own hands, or as my old friend the Globe remarks 'I am dropping my pilot.'"

"I know something myself about farming. I worked for the movement in the dark early days. I expect to share in the work of the future. The farmer movement in this country has a great future, but I do not believe that a farmers' organization can or ought to carry on a government."

While treating humorously the new temperance platform of the Conservative party as credited to the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, the premier declared in all seriousness: "So far as I am concerned and my government, there will be no change in the Ontario temperance act. I believe in this act with all my heart. I stand for a full and fair enforcement until such time as it may be demonstrated that the legislation is a success or an un-

qualified failure. That will require longer than a year or two.

Stands By O. T. A. "The U. F. O. intends to stand or fall upon that policy, and I am announcing it before any other platform may be introduced by Mr. Ferguson or others.

"We found the O. T. A. in force when we came into power. I am glad that it is there. I am a prohibitionist. I have worked a lifetime in that direction. I believe that the province is benefiting from it. I shudder to think what might have occurred during the past two winters of unemployment with men brimming with dangerous doctrine."

Explaining that Attorney-General W. E. Raney had been termed by his critics as the "little man," the premier declared that there had been a number of real big men who were small in stature, including Napoleon. He scored bitterly those who spent their time assailing Mr. Raney, declaring that they were only the ones, like Lennox, the member for York, who were open enemies of the O. T. A.

Denies Rumors. "There have been many prophecies about our party emanating from our critics across the floor," reminded Mr. Drury. "They said first that we would not be able to form a government. Then they said that we would not emerge from the first session. They predicted this after each sitting, and now they are wondering when we are going to call a 'snappy' election."

"I don't believe in snap verdicts in the house, and I say that there will be no election until the time comes, when we have served our constitutional term of four years."

At some considerable length Premier Drury reviewed the three-year record of his government, emphasizing that many of the apparent huge deficits and expenditures were encountered during that period by reason of the recklessness, inefficiency and general extravagance of the previous administration.

He dwelt particularly upon the timber deals, the enormous expenses incurred by hydro development which must be kept up, and the construction at fabulous prices of scores of wharves and miles of railroad for which there has been no need to date.

Wants Efficiency. Hartley Dewart and G. Howard Ferguson, more particularly the latter, has told you about our lavish expenditures. I agree that this is the time for economy and retrenchment, but not to the point of inefficiency. I am not for economy if it will mean the elimination of essentials.

"Mr. Ferguson does not tell you all the truth. He just lumps it. He is

not good at arithmetic. He states that our capital expenditure last year was \$12,000,000. He did not tell you that \$12,000,000 of this was re-funding loans, while several more millions were devoted to the sinking fund."

"He did not tell you that another \$3 million dollars were expended for the Chippewa Canal and other developments which we found commenced when we assumed office, and which it would be folly to discontinue. We could not halt these payments even though we were not responsible for them."

"He did tell you that the remainder of our expenses were for the education of our children, the country's greatest asset, and for our institutions, reformatories and insane hospitals. I maintain today that our critics cannot point to one single item of expenditure that was foolish or wasteful."

Biggs Speaks. Dealing almost exclusively with his own department, the Hon. Frank Biggs reviewed at considerable length his efforts to establish throughout Ontario a series of highways that will be, as he termed them, "second to none on the continent."

"We have announced a building program that we will stand or fall by," Mr. Biggs declared. "We have been subject to continual criticism because we have no daily publications like the old line parties to get our views and policy across to the people correctly."

"The people must be patient, however, and co-operate in a friendly spirit. We have been charged with extravagance. Of course, we cannot build roads without spending some money. It is said that we spend too much. How about your own expenses? Can you build a barn as cheap as you could ten years ago?"

Denies Increases. "Look at our taxes, the critics say. I say, however, that they have not been increased by one cent by the provincial department in respect to these highways. If people tell you otherwise they are not speaking the truth."

The minister devoted several minutes to an explanation of the grant from the federal government, whereby 40 per cent of the cost of these highways is borne by the Dominion government, another 40 per cent by the province and the remaining 20 per cent by the county.

He stressed his contention that Ontario must have high-standard roads for the increasing traffic. The county and township roads are going to pieces, he declared, because they cannot bear the strain of motor traffic, which increased with startling rapidity.

"This traffic increases whether you wish it or not," he said. "You can't blame America for it. They can't blame America for it. If they desire a desire to come to Ontario, to our splendid resorts. As a matter of fact, we need them. It is estimated by the immigration officials that on the average each tourist from across the boundary leaves \$15 here. He takes nothing out of the country."

"If say that if the United States wishes to build a high tariff wall with the Fordney bill, preventing us from sending our goods across the line, let us build roads and bring the American here, and we'll feed them the stuff."

Touching briefly upon the source of the money expended upon the provincial highways, the speaker reviewed his recent scheme, the capitalization of the money obtained by the sale of motor licenses.

It is proposed, he pointed out, to borrow about 25 million dollars within the next two or three years, the same to be returnable at an average of two million a year, obtained by the sale of licenses. In 1921 the income in this manner was \$3,000,000, he said, while this amount has been already equaled the first six months of this year. And there will be no increase in the cost of the license, he assured his hearers.

Upholding this proposition, the speaker declared: "Let us get away from politics and use sound business methods. Let us have the roads while we are living."

Both Premier Drury and the Hon. Mr. Biggs were warmly received by the electors of North Middlesex, and if there is any breach imminent among the members of the U. F. O. political movement it was well concealed at Thursday's gathering.

As the first annual U. F. O. picnic to be held in this riding, today's gathering measured up to the highest expectations of the several committees in charge. From back concessions and distant township lines electors of North Middlesex, representing every trend of political thought, journeyed early into town to hear their premier and his several colleagues in the provincial administration.

14-YEAR-OLD HERO RESCUES FRIEND

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