

## DEPART OBJECTS TO AYEARS STATEMENTS AT 'BY' FERGUSON

Liberal Leader Demands That Raney Discipline License Inspector For Discussing a Matter Before the House—Dewart and Ferguson Atack Smith's Proposal To Tax Real Estate Transfers.

TORONTO, Feb. 24.—H. H. Dewart, K.C., leader of the Liberal Opposition in the Legislature, wanted J. Ayeard, provincial license inspector, disciplined because of his statements at a public meeting of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance at Massey Hall, Toronto, yesterday.

Before the orders of the day were read, Mr. Dewart drew the attention of the House to a report of a meeting held in Massey Hall in favor of temperance. He quoted parts of a reported speech of Mr. Ayeard especially praising a remark that "an appeal to the county judge was assistance to the lawbreakers."

"On February 8," said Mr. Dewart, "there was a discussion started on a minority report of a committee of the Legislature dealing with an appeal to the county judge. This has not been dealt with yet, and I take exception to a servant of the House going before a public body and discussing such matters. The members of the House have been unable to express their opinion on this matter, and it is a serious breach of propriety to have this servant of the public and of the House discuss it. It is unfair for the officials to go before a public body and discuss legislation. We have been ready to discuss the matter, and why should a servant of this House go and discuss it? This certainly calls for action by the attorney-general."

Mr. Raney did not reply, and Mr. Dewart went on to say that he was going to do about it.

Mr. Raney didn't think that this called for any reply. Mr. Ayeard came to me and said he had been invited to speak at this meeting and asked if I had any objection to his doing so. I said I had no objection, and he appeared and spoke. I am not going to say anything about it. I am not going to say anything about it. I am not going to say anything about it.

Major Tolmie was opposed to any discussion of it when the amendments to the O. T. A. came up. He was supported by this by Mr. Dewart. Mr. Dewart said that he had no knowledge that Mr. Ayeard was going to speak at the Massey Hall meeting. If he had known it, he said, he would have immediately have removed an officer employed in the enforcement of the law discussing controversial matters.

Went into Committee.

The Legislature went into committee of the whole to consider a resolution moved by the provincial treasurer, dealing with the proposals for new taxation. H. H. Dewart, K.C., said that it would be well to delay dealing with the matter until members had an opportunity of finding out exactly what public opinion was in regard to the proposals. Corporations had not received an opportunity to say what they thought, he said. So far as the proposed tax of two mills on property transfers was concerned, the Liberal leader said that reports in the press showed there was considerable diversity of opinion.

"I don't know how the hon. member expects to get the information to his clients until the bills are printed," said Hon. Peter Smith, provincial treasurer. The hon. provincial treasurer will excuse himself, I said constituents, not clients," retorted Mr. Dewart.

Major Tolmie said the provincial treasurer should explain his new proposal.

Proposal To Tax.

Dealing with the proposal to tax the banks one-tenth of one per cent on their reserve fund, Mr. Dewart, provincial treasurer, said this would bear more heavily on the larger and more prosperous banks than they had big reserves. He announced that he had dropped the idea of doubling the tax on the cost of transportation. He said he had representations to him.

The minister said that he hoped to collect \$135,000 per annum from the increase in the mileage tax on railways. He was such a small amount that he thought it could not possibly increase the cost of transportation, he said. He said he was not increasing the tax on railways beyond that obtaining in other provinces. He estimated that he would receive about \$40,000 extra this year by

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increasing the tax on telephone companies.

Taxes on Pullman car companies will now be on the rate bases of \$10,000 per annum, the treasurer explained. He said that in the past companies had been taxed according to the value of the Pullman cars. They had been sending all the old Pullmans to Ontario to reduce the amount of taxes payable.

Under the new arrangement \$4,000 more would be collected annually, but the great benefit would be that the travelling public would have a better class of car.

Upon Money Transfers.

Dealing with the tax of one-fifth of one per cent upon amount of purchase money upon land transfers, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Conservative leader, said it would be a hardship to deterred to the poor man acquiring a home. There was a great deal of talk of encouraging people to build a home and have a stake in the country, he said. The tax was only discouraging such a man. In his opinion some allowance should be made.

Premier Drury said that the tax was so small that it would not hamper any man who wanted to acquire his own home. The prime minister thought any concession would only be paying the door to people who had less claim for consideration.

F. Wellington Hay, North Perth, suggested that the proper way to collect the tax was to direct tax of one mill. It was easy and cheap to collect, he said.

Ferguson said that the proposed tax on property transfers would mean \$40,000 more per annum from the pockets of the working people of the city of Toronto. He said he would like to know what the minister of labor thought of the matter.

Favors Exemption.

Hon. G. H. Ferguson suggested an exemption up to \$4,000.

E. J. Evans, M. P. O. member for South Simcoe, wanted transfers of farm property exempted from the new tax.

Premier Drury urged that the House approve the principle of the bill and then let the matter rest until the public had a chance to consider what the new taxes really meant.

Hon. W. R. Rolfe, minister of labor, said he thought the transfer tax would only hit the average workingman to the extent of about eighty cents, and was hardly worth considering.

R. R. Hall, Parry Sound, objected to any increase in taxation. He called upon the government to practice economy and live within its means.

A resolution was carried to the effect that the sum of \$7,000,000 be placed to the credit of the highway improvement fund account. Out of this fund subsidies are paid to counties. He estimated that \$3,200,000 would be required to meet the 1920 expenditures.

**WANTS TO PROBE HARDING ACCOUNTS**

TORONTO, Feb. 24.—Hon. Howard Ferguson, leader of the Conservative Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, has moved that the provincial auditor be ordered to appear at the public accounts committee of the Legislature on Wednesday with all his books, vouchers and receipts regarding the expenditure of \$30,000 to R. T. Harding in connection with the timber commission. Mr. Harding formerly represented the Ontario Government before the commission.

J. W. Curry, K. C., was elected chairman of the public accounts committee, despite the opposition of Albert Phair of Ottawa, who moved that Major Tolmie of Essex be chairman.

**SAW SNOWFALL WORTH MILLION**

Farmers of Exeter District Declare It Will Help the Crops.

EXETER, Feb. 24.—The recent heavy fall of snow all through this section is worth a million dollars, according to farmers, who declare that it will materially assist the crop situation this season. The unusual scarcity of rain so far this year and of moisture generally was causing some anxiety in many districts until the heavy snow fall. Next month will be the real test, for as the wheat is concerned, but with the moisture it has received from the snow and the protection also, it is believed it will have a much better chance of coming through in good shape than before. Farmers are optimistic regarding the outlook for the year, in spite of the fact that prices are coming down.

To Improve Stock.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the move to improve live stock. This was stimulated by the meeting held at Crediton, at which a committee, comprising W. D. Saunders as chairman, and two farmers from each concession, was named to carry on an educational campaign. The objective is the elimination of scrub bulls from the district. W. D. Stothers, the district agricultural representative for Huron County, was present, and gave a splendid address on the importance of good breeding in cattle.

Are Not In Favor.

While the proposition to electrify the London, Huron and Bruce Railway is creating considerable talk, there is little doubt about the sentiment of the people in the country around here. Few of the farmers believe that the scheme is at all practicable, in view of the heavy cost. They hold that the present is a most inopportune time to go in for expenditures involving millions of dollars, particularly on a doubtful proposition.

The funeral of George H. Bedford who died in Sarnia was held at Exeter Cemetery. He was 69 years old and went to Sarnia about twelve years ago from Crediton. J. T. Bedford of Crediton and Alfred Bedford of London are brothers.

**MAGISTRATE DAVIES RESIGNS AT MITCHELL**

STRATFORD, Feb. 24.—W. R. Davis, former editor of the Mitchell Advocate and police magistrate of Mitchell for sixteen years, has resigned. He is 81 years of age.

R. C. Pratt, secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Cereal Company, leaves shortly for Guelph, to become joint manager of the Gold Milling Company.

**PREDICTS INTRUSION IN PRIVATE BUSINESS**

WINDSOR, Feb. 24.—"I venture to say that during the next 20 years you will see a much greater intrusion by the Government in private business than you have ever seen before," Dr. Lent B. Tyson, director of the Bureau of Government Research in Detroit, told the members of the Board Chamber of Commerce at their regular meeting. During the course of a speech on "Problems of Effective City Government," he told those present that one of the problems was the personnel of a city government.

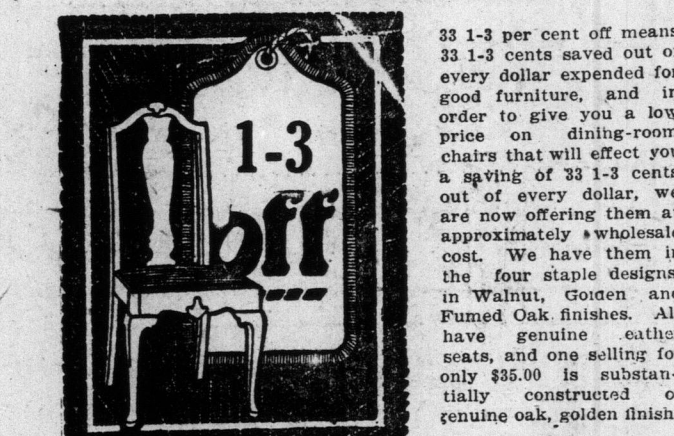
"It takes real men to get anywhere in city government, men who are not restricted by limitations," the speaker said, and predicted that with big men in the national government who were not restricted in their efforts for the people the government was likely to take a more active interest in private business and protect its interests.



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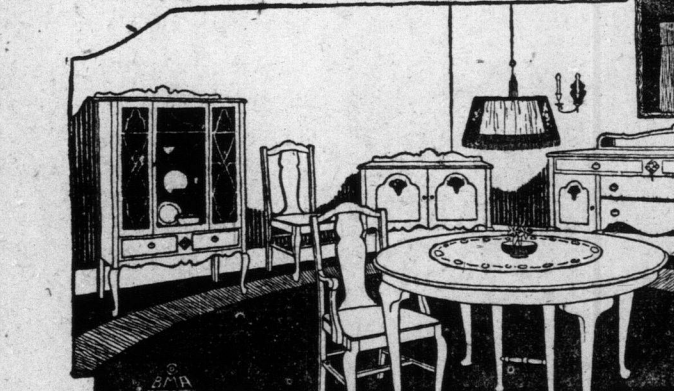
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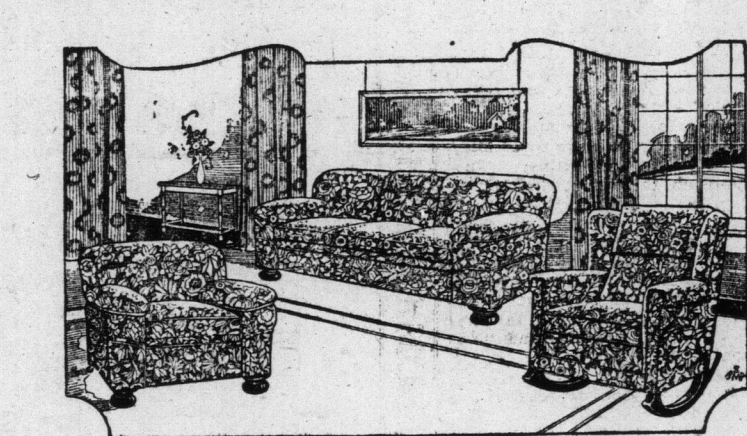
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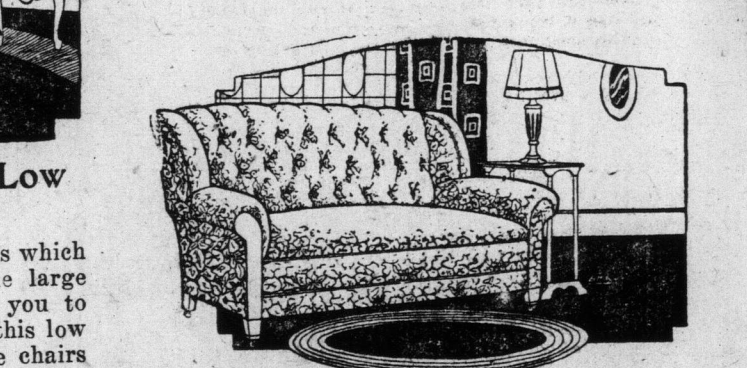
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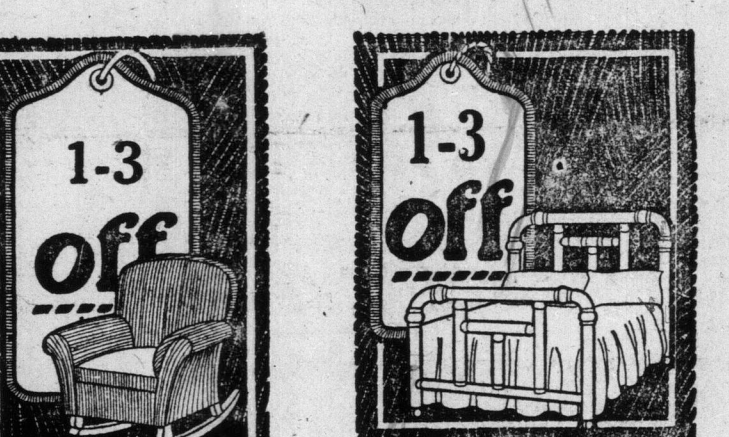


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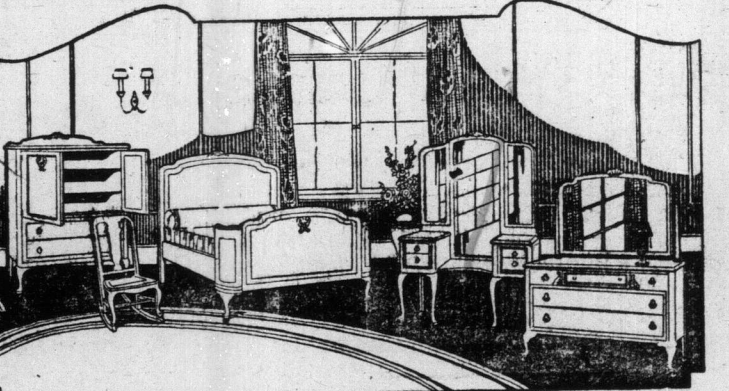
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