

The Province of New Brunswick passed an Act to meet the probable needs of New Brunswick for the year 1917 and subject to ratification by the Governor-General in Council a sum will be levied and raised by taxation methods. Saskatchewan has done the same, passed an Act levying one mill on the dollar. Manitoba is also doing the same to the extent of one half of the amount of money required. You heard what the Provincial Treasurer said the other day, that in Ontario the Provincial Government would not be unmindful of the claims of the Patriotic Fund.

In that statement which I gave you a little while ago, I endeavored to show that there were two provinces from which we expected a surplus and two provinces from which we expected a deficit. We never have any alarm about Ontario. We always feel, even if the expenses of Ontario would come to a million dollars a month, if it is put before the people of Ontario they won't allow a dollar to come from outside. We are always asking Ontario to do a little more so that we would not like to see Ontario do as some other provinces have done—arrange by legislation for what they need, and only what they need. We would be greatly indebted to the gentlemen here if they would discuss that question as to what in their judgment is the best way for us to lay plans for 1917. These plans cannot be made on the 1st January. They have got to be started in July and August. Consequently, we at the Head Office will arrange our policy naturally in the line where public opinion directs.

MR. ORMISTON, (Uxbridge):—

From my own personal point of view I think the money should be raised substantially by the County Council grant, supplemented by local canvassing, local subscription and especially by the formation of monthly payments by those to whom the sum of \$10 or \$12 seems too much to pay at once. I think we should embrace the double system of taxation.

MR. DUNBAR, (Guelph):—

At present we feel that continuance of the present system is perhaps, after all the best means we can adopt. There is this difference; the effect of the last Dominion Budget is going to be very serious when we come to raise money voluntarily next year. Now every company is heavily taxed under the Budget and it is a War taxation. I am sure we will find when we start next January to collect for 1917 that the response will not be as generous as it has been in the past—I mean from the large givers. They felt they should pay a large proportion of their profits over to the Fund but will not now be able to spare it. I am not criticizing them in any way for that. So that, there will have to be raised very much