

# CALLS IT A DISHONOR KAPUSKASING COLONY

## Debate on Investigation Commission's Report Was Held in the Legislature.

Debate on conditions at Kapuskasing was once more precipitated upon the Legislature yesterday, when Major J. G. Tolmie, of Windsor, introduced a resolution calling for adoption by the House of the report of the commission which recently investigated the soldiers' settlement.

Premier Drury insisted that the Government be allowed to offer an amendment. The Government, he stated, was in agreement with the findings of the commission, but did not wish to bind itself to all the recommendations made.

Major Tolmie, after reviewing the establishment of the soldiers' colony, referred to conditions there as a "disgrace and a dishonor." On behalf of the returned men, he demanded that the issue be fairly faced.

If the report of the commissioners was lacking in anything, he considered it was in criticism which those responsible for the prevailing conditions merited. He criticized the Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests for a remark attributed to the latter, to the effect that he could have filled the colony with French-Canadians, but that none were wanted there.

Major Kennedy, of Peel, who was formerly connected with the settlement, defended the assistant superintendent of the colony from charges of evading military service. He stated that the official in question had lost an eye and had several times volunteered for service, but had been rejected.

M. M. MacBride, Labor member for South Brant, did not think the Province was going to do any good by washing any dirty linen in public over Kapuskasing.

R. R. Hall, Parry Sound, believed Hon. Mr. Ferguson made one mistake. He should have looked more thoroughly into the situation before he sent these men there.

K. S. Stover, Liberal member for Algoma, said soldiers had received concrete promises. "If you make a promise to a soldier you had better come through with it," said the speaker. "Who is the man responsible for not coming through with the promises to the soldiers? I say it is the Deputy Minister of Lands, and Forests—Albert Grigg. If a man does not do business fair and square let us fire him. I am prepared to advise the Government this afternoon that the best thing it can do in the interests of the soldiers, is to fire Albert Grigg." The speaker declared that Grigg once told the head of a deputation of soldiers that he was a b—— fool. "It is action we want," he concluded, thumping the desk, "and we want Albert Grigg fired."