

SAYS KAPUSKASING DEPUTY NO SLACKER

Major T. L. Kennedy, of Peel, Defends Record of Assistant

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TORONTO, April 8.—Debate on conditions at Kapuskasing was once more precipitated upon the Legislature this afternoon, 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 in the main, but did not wish to bind itself to all the recommendations made.

Chas. McCrea, of Sudbury, expressed the opinion that two days' notice of motion should be required. The Speaker ruled this unnecessary, in view of the fact that the subject had already been before the House.

"I have no objections to discussing the matter, and feel that now is the proper time," declared Premier Drury.

Tolmie Scores Conditions.

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 latter, to the effect that he the Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests for a remark attributed to

could have filled the colony with French-Canadians, but that none were wanted there.

"The evidence does not show that the Deputy Minister was given an opportunity to reply to the charge," put in Hon. G. H. Ferguson.

Defends Assistant Superintendent.

Major T. L. 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.

Alleged Definite Promises.

"If Kapuskasing was not fit for interned Germans, how much more

disgraceful it was to put war-worn Canadians there," observed R. R. Hall, Parry Sound.

K. S. Stover, Algoma, contended that definite promises had been made to the soldiers. "And if you make a promise to a soldier, you had better come through with it," he warned.

He demanded the dismissal of Ai-

bert Grigg, Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, whom he held responsible for conditions at the settlement.

F. G. Sandy's bill to prevent short-circuiting of liquor and to confine to the License Board the power of importing liquor into Ontario, was introduced for its first reading.