

BIGGS-HENRY DUEL BEGINS ROUND TWO

Minister and Ex-Minister
Carry on Encounter
Over Road Issue

Taking Hon. F. C. Biggs to task for his "lack of frankness" and "unfair criticism" of York County Highways Commission road work, Hon. George S. Henry in the Legislature yesterday returned to the attack upon the Minister of Public Works for what he claims is "a wasteful and inefficient highways improvement policy."

The ex-Minister rose to a question of privilege. First of all, he dealt with Hon. Mr. Biggs' statement before the House Thursday that there were no "regulations" in force in the department. Flourishing a blue book, which, he said, was a volume containing regulations issued by the Department of Highways, he said: "And yet my honorable friend stands up here and says no regulations are required, and that the whole thing is on the face of the statute itself."

On Thursday Hon. Mr. Biggs had turned one of Hon. Mr. Henry's criticisms back on himself by pointing out that the York County Commission had made a contract for \$1.10 a yard after receiving a tender for 98 cents. Hon. Mr. Henry said yesterday that a contract for \$1.10 was let, but it was in the largest town in the county, on the main street, and the contractor had to provide for all classes of traffic.

The member for East York also denied the accuracy of some of the Minister's statements as to comparative thicknesses of surfacing put down by the York Commission and the Highways Department.

ACT WITHOUT PAY ON TIMBER PROBE

Investigating Judges Obey
Ottawa Statute by Draw-
ing No Recompense

Up to date the timber probe has cost the Province of Ontario \$69,519, according to information tabled in the Legislature yesterday by Attorney-General Raney in response to Hon. G. Howard Ferguson's questions. R. T. Harding, as counsel, has received \$2,000 on account of fees. His expense accounts and those of his assistants had been received, but not audited. In any case, Hon. Mr. Raney said, they were part of the general expenses of the commission and could not be separated.

In reply to C. H. Buckland the Attorney-General said that the Commissioners had received \$2,000 on account of services. Because of the enacting at Ottawa of legislation prohibiting the payment of Judges for services of this character, Hon. Mr. Raney said that no moneys would be paid to the Commissioners for services after that statute came into effect.

The Public Service Commission, Hon. Mr. Raney also announced in reply to questions, had cost \$15,037.82 to date. Chairman W. D. Gregory had been paid \$2,240 of this amount for services.

BALLOT BATTLE TO DIVIDE YORK

Act Provides for Plebiscite
and Township Council
Plans Fight

Legislation to sanction the division of York township into two sections and the incorporation of the northern section lying north of Lawrence sideroad and McDougall avenue as the township of North York was introduced into the Ontario Legislature yesterday by T. Marshall of Lincoln, in the absence of J. W. Curry, Southeast Toronto.

In the preamble of the bill it is explained that while the southern portion of the township is largely urban, the northern section is almost entirely rural in character, and requires a different municipal administration.

Five weeks after the passing of the act the electors in the northern section are to vote on the question, "Are you in favor of incorporation . . . as the township of North York?"

It is understood that York Township Council will oppose the bill. A year ago a bill to incorporate the urban area as a town was defeated. The Council is anxious for the township to be divided, but it is not in favor of the division suggested.