

Saturday, Feb 27th

Gives Emphatic Denial To Newspaper Story Of Quarrel in Cabinet

*Attorney-General Repudiates
Suggestion of Any Breach
With Provincial Treasurer,
and Declares Workmen's
Compensation Act Is Well
Administered*

HOME BANK TRIAL

COST SUM OF \$161,000

Firm denial of a newspaper story suggesting that he had disagreed with Hon. W. H. Price, Provincial Treasurer, over questions of administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act was voiced yesterday in the Legislature by Attorney-General W. F. Nickle.

"I don't know what purpose the writer of this article had in view," said Mr. Nickle, "but if the object was to create a breach between the David and Jonathan of the House the story has been singularly ineffective."

Deals With Article.

Before the orders of the day were called, Karl Homuth (Independent Labor, South Waterloo) called Mr. Nickle's attention to the article, declaring that if conditions as represented therein were true it was "a mighty serious matter." The story, in addition to dealing with the alleged disagreement, suggested, it might be said, certain irregularities within the act's administration. In his reply to Mr. Homuth, the Attorney-General dealt one by one with the suggestions, branding them, with one exception, as "not true."

Mr. Nickle denied the statement that there was no actuarial value of the pension fund, and said that, while the newspaper story had represented that uncashed cheques of the fund aggregated \$100,000, an excessive estimate, as a matter of fact, would be \$40,000.

"As to that part of the item," said Mr. Nickle, "which deals with the possible confiscation of compensation cheques which have not reached their owners, and consequently are not cashed—that is not true. The story states that ledger accounts have been destroyed. This also is untrue. The ledger accounts are there today as they always were. The item also refers to the transfer of \$600,000 from pension to current account as though there was some suggestion of irregularity."